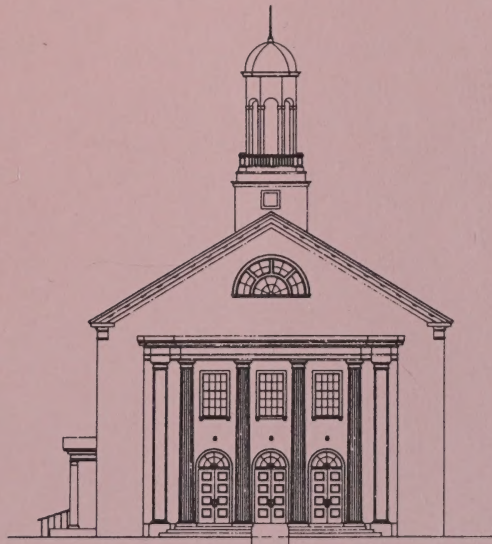


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# WALPOLE NEW HAMPSHIRE



## ANNUAL REPORT

of the

TOWN OFFICERS

For the Year Ending December 31, 1997

and

## WALPOLE FIRE DISTRICT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1997



The remodeled Drewsville Mansion  
Dedicated on October 15, 1997  
*Photo courtesy of David Legasse*



U.S. Senator Judd Gregg and Betty Santaw cut the ribbon for the opening  
of Roger B. Santaw Head Start Center at Drewsville Mansion  
on October 15, 1997  
*Photo courtesy of David Legasse*



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## TOWN OFFICERS

### Moderator

David Westover

(Elected)

Term Expires 1998

### Selectmen

John M. Pratt

(Elected)

Term Expires 1998

Charles D. Miller

(Elected)

Term Expires 1999

Michael J. Gideos

(Elected)

Term Expires 2000

### Secretary to the Board

Elaine M. Wheeler

### Treasurer

Helen S. Ladd

(Elected)

Term Expires 1998

### Town Clerk

Sandra J. Smith

(Elected)

Term Expires 1998

### Tax Collector

(Elected)

Sandra J. Smith (Walpole)

Term Expires 1998

Kathleen Foster (North Walpole)

Term Expires 1998

### Town Financial Administrator

Sheila M. Turner

### Supervisor of the Checklist

(Elected)

Joanne Hurlburt

Term Expires 1998

Nathalie Nelson

Term Expires 2000

Cynthia Westover

Term Expires 2002

### Health Officer

I. Tucker Burr

(Appointed)

### Trustees of Trust Funds

(Elected)

Bruce Cramer

Term Expires 1998

Jerome Galloway

Term Expires 1999

Marshall Putnam

Term Expires 2000

Library Trustees  
(Elected)

Anna Bushway	Term Expires 1998
Robert Dudley, Chair	Term Expires 1998
Carolyn Norback	Term Expires 1998
George Leighton Bridge	Term Expires 1999
Joan B. Horskin	Term Expires 1999
Shirley Capron	Term Expires 1999
Carol J. Christian	Term Expires 2000
Lou Andreioli	Term Expires 2000
Patricia Parent	Term Expires 2000

Planning Board  
(Elected)

Robert Miller	Term Expires 1998
Matthew Phillips	Term Expires 1998
Sheldon Sawyer	Term Expires 1999
Henry Fletcher	Term Expires 1999
Jeffrey Miller, Chair	Term Expires 2000
Jan Jones	Term Expires 2000
Charles D. Miller - Selectman	

Zoning Board of Adjustment  
(Elected)

George O'Brien	Term Expires 1998
Myra Mansouri, Clerk	Term Expires 1998
William Sudsbury, Chairman	Term Expires 1999
Jan Jones	Term Expires 1999
Van Garrison, Vice Chair	Term Expires 2000
Chip O'Brien	Term Expires 2000
Joan Galloway	Term Expires 2000

Highway

Robert Smith	(Appointed)
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Conservation Commission  
(Appointed)

Lawrence Britton	Term Expires 1998
Kenneth McGill	Term Expires 1998
Lewis Shelley	Term Expires 1999
Van Garrison	Term Expires 1999
Gary Speed	Term Expires 1999
Harold Putnam, Chair	Term Expires 2000
Duncan Watson	Term Expires 2000



Cemetery Trustees

(Appointed)

Robert (Joe) Smith	Term Expires 1998
Linda Edkins	Term Expires 1999
Joy Fernandes	Term Expires 2000

Hooper Institute Committee

(Appointed)

Sharlene Beaudry	Term Expires 1998
Ann Rodgers	Term Expires 1998
Chris Tysons, Chairman	Term Expires 1999
Ken McGill	Term Expires 1999
Pam Baucom	Term Expires 2000
Harry Clark	Term Expires 2000
Robert Bickford	Term Expires 2000
Charles D. Miller, Selectman	

Recreation Committee

(Appointed)

Elizabeth Collinsworth, Chair	Term Expires 1998
Lisa Ranauro	Term Expires 1998
Joseph Fennessey	Term Expires 1998
Timothy Lester	Term Expires 1999
Amy Hicks	Term Expires 1999
Michael J. Gideos, Selectman	

Walpole Recycling Action Committee

(Appointed)

Dodie Ransome	Term Expires 1998
George Leighton Bridge	Term Expires 1998
James Kay	Term Expires 1998
Mabel (Fritze) Till	Term Expires 1998
Barbara Aldrich	Term Expires 1999
George Watkins, Chairman	Term Expires 2000
David Durling	Term Expires 2000
Michael J. Gideos, Selectman	

Town Offices Committee

Mike Snide	Clancey Houghton
John Latham	John (Chip) O'Brien
Ralph (Red) Smith	Ted Capron

Police Officers  
(Appointed)

Police Chief  
David Hewes

Officers  
Ray L' Abbe  
Francis Palmieri

William Callahan  
Richard Westney  
Patricia Burnham

Water Superintendent

William Houghton (Appointed)

Southwest Solid Waste Management District

Charles D. Miller (Appointed)

Emergency Management Director

Robert (Joe) Smith (Appointed)

Sewer Department

Almon Welch (Appointed)

Southwest Regional Planning Commission

David Edkins (Appointed) Robert Miller

Hooper Scholarship Committee

(Appointed)

Lou Andreoli, Bruce Cramer, Jack Pratt, Ann Rogers, Mervin Stevens

Connecticut River Scenic Byways

(Appointed)

Paul Happ (Appointed)

Transportation Advisory Committee

(Appointed)

Charles D. Miller (Appointed)

Joint Loss Management Committee

(Appointed)

Robert (Joe) Smith  
David Hewes  
Cecil (Buck) Taylor

Wayne Thomas  
Elaine Wheeler

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of Walpole:

1997 has been a year of pluses and minuses for our town. On the plus side the Town, once again, lived within its budget, dedicated the new Roger B. Santaw Head Start Center in Drewsville, completed the Hubbard/Union Streets water and sewer renovations, received a \$40,000 matching grant for our 1997 Warrant Article which will allow us to complete ADA upgrades to our Town Hall and Library, repaved Main Street (nee Turnpike Street) from Route 12 to the Walpole School, held our first Annual Employees and Volunteers Appreciation Day, and completed most of the structural work necessary for our new Transfer Station at the Recycling Center.

On the minus side, the Town was not able to renovate our Town Hall, building new office space beneath the existing building, when construction bids came in \$100,000 over estimates. In North Walpole the erosion problem of the bank of the Connecticut River remains, the State deciding not to provide funds to correct it, and the issue of the pedestrian underpasses remains unresolved.

At our 1998 Town Meeting, the voters of Walpole will be asked to approve a bond issue so that we can cap our landfill, to approve funds for the completion of the Transfer Station, and, hopefully, to resolve finally the issue of new Town office space. It should be a lively Town Meeting, and we urge you to be present.

Once again the Selectmen thank the hundreds of volunteers who do so much to give our Town its charm and vibrancy. We are especially grateful to Harold Putnam and the other members of the Facilities Needs Committee for their service during the past four years. That Committee's efforts resulted in the construction of the new Police Station, oversaw the Town's ADA upgrades and tried valiantly to solve the Town's office space needs.

We also pay tribute to Helen Ladd for her 35 years of service to the Town as its Treasurer. Her unfailing good humor and crisp efficiency will be sorely missed. The Town is in her debt.

John M. Pratt

Charles D. Miller

Board of Selectmen

Michael J. Gideos



## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

### TOWN OF WALPOLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN WARRANT 1998

To the inhabitants of the Town of Walpole qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the 10th day of March next, at 8:00 O'clock in the forenoon to act on Articles 1 through 18, the first two of which will be voted on at the polls. Polls at the Walpole Town Hall and the North Walpole Village Hall will remain open until 7:00 PM. Following the counting of the ballots, the meeting will be recessed until Saturday the 14th of March next at 9:30 O'clock in the forenoon, at which time the balance of the Articles will be acted on.

**ARTICLE 1:** To choose the necessary town officers for their respective terms.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article IV (General Provisions), Section D (Signs) of the Walpole Zoning Ordinance by replacing the present section on signs with a new section proposed by the Zoning Board of Adjustments.

**Note:** A copy of the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance may be viewed in the Selectmen's and the Town Clerk's offices during regular business hours.

(The Planning Board RECOMMENDS this Article.)

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600,000 for the closing of the Town Landfill, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$500,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore to authorize the withdrawal of \$100,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund - Landfill Closing which was created for this purpose; furthermore to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase such land as may be necessary to effectuate the

closing of the Town Landfill, using funds from the bonds or notes authorized by this Article to pay for any such purchases.

**Note:** A two-thirds ballot vote of those in attendance and voting is required for the passage of this Article.

(The Board of Selectmen RECOMMENDS this Article.)

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to rescind the actions taken by the Special Town Meeting held on June 18, 1997 authorizing the Town to raise and appropriate the sum of \$325,000, and the issuance of bonds therefore, for the construction of new Town Offices in the Town Hall.  
(The Board of Selectmen RECOMMENDS this Article.)

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,335,789 for the support of the Town poor, for Town libraries, to build and repair bridges and highways, to insure the public safety, and for such other expenses as may accrue.  
(The Board of Selectmen RECOMMENDS this Article.)

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,000, of which approximately \$150,000 will be used for the repair of the foundations of the Town Hall and for the removal and replacement of the existing underground oil storage tank; the remaining funds, approximately \$200,000, will be used for the construction of new offices for the Selectmen on the first floor of the Town Hall, and for enlargement of the Town Clerk's offices.  
(The Board of Selectmen RECOMMENDS this Article.)

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$225,000 for the construction of a new facility, to be built on land donated by Hubbard Farms located adjacent to the Ames Plaza, to house the Town Offices.  
(The Board of Selectmen RECOMMENDS this Article ONLY IF the previous Article is not passed.)

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be held in the Capital Reserve Fund - Heavy Highway Equipment.  
(The Board of Selectmen RECOMMENDS this Article.)

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal of the sum of \$21,500 from the Capital Reserve Fund - Heavy Highway Equipment and appropriate this sum for the purchase of a wood chipper which will be used by the Town's Highway Department, Cemetery Department and the Recycling/Transfer Station.  
(The Board of Selectmen RECOMMENDS this Article.)

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be held in the Capital Reserve Fund - Police Vehicle.  
(The Board of Selectmen RECOMMENDS this Article.)

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,000 for the purchase and equipping of a 1998 Ford Expedition; further to authorize the withdrawal of up to the sum of \$24,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund - Police Vehicle and use the same towards the purchase of this vehicle; further to authorize the sale or trade-in of the Town's 1993 Explorer, the proceeds of which will be used to offset the purchase of the new Expedition.  
(The Board of Selectmen, by a divided vote, RECOMMENDS this Article.)

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund - Old Home Days; further to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3000 to be held in this Fund for the 2000 Old Home Days.  
(The Board of Selectmen RECOMMENDS this Article.)

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,500 for the repair and refurbishment of the Town Pool's filtration system and liner. These repairs are deemed essential by the Walpole Recreation Committee after consultation with pool maintenance contractors.  
(The Board of Selectmen RECOMMENDS this Article.)

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for completion of the removal of tires from the former landfill in preparation for the final closure and capping of the landfill.  
(The Board of Selectmen RECOMMENDS this Article.)



**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5000 to complete (hopefully) changes caused by the Town's conversion to the new 9-1-1. These funds will be used to purchase and erect new street signs and posts, to notify residents of their new addresses and to update Town records.

(The Board of Selectmen RECOMMENDS this Article.)

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,000 to complete the construction and equipping of the new transfer station for solid wastes on the site of the present Recycling Center. The funds would be used to construct cement block walls, build a burn pit, purchase a trash compactor with hopper, complete the re-grading and re-paving of the Center, and cover necessary engineering costs.

(The Board of Selectmen RECOMMENDS this Article.)

**ARTICLE 17:** To see whether the Town will vote to advise the Board of Selectmen to lay out a new Town road off Route 12 just south of the old "Potato Barn". This dead-end road would provide access to the proposed parking lot of the Barn, would be engineered, constructed and maintained by the Barn's developer, and would not be built until financing for the Barn project had been assured.

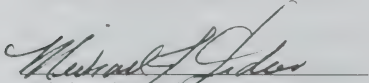
(The Board of Selectmen, by a divided vote, RECOMMENDS this article.)

**ARTICLE 18:** To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Eight.

  
John M. Pratt

  
Charles D. Miller

  
Michael J. Gedeos

Selectmen of Walpole

**INDEFINITE DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY  
BY THE TOWN TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
OR THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

In the past a number of articles appeared on the Town Warrant each year delegating specific powers to the Board of Selectmen. These articles are usually referred to as "boilerplate articles". Because each now contains the language "**authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority**", they no longer need to be voted on at each Town Meeting. The Town of Walpole now has seven such Warrant Articles, which are printed below for your reference.

1. TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES: Shall the town accept the provisions of RSA 33:7 providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article **authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority**, the Selectmen to issue, without further action by the Town Meeting, tax anticipation notes?

2. ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS: Shall the Town accept the provisions of RSA 31:95-b providing that any Town at an annual meeting may adopt an article **authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority**, the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the Town Meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal, or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year?

3. ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS BY LIBRARIES: Shall the Town accept the provision of RSA 202-A:4-c providing that any Town at an annual meeting may adopt an article **authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority**, the public library trustees to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the Town Meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year?

4. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS, LEGACIES AND DEVISES: Shall the Town accept the provisions of RSA 31:19 providing that any Town at an annual meeting may adopt an article **authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority**, the Selectmen to accept, without further action by the Town Meeting, gifts, legacies, and devises made to the Town in trust for any public purpose during the fiscal year?

5. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY: Shall the Town accept the provisions of RSA 31:95-e providing that any Town at an annual meeting may adopt an article **authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority**, the Selectmen to accept, without further action by the Town Meeting, gifts of personal property (other than money) made to the Town for any public purpose during the fiscal year, provided that the Selectmen hold a public hearing before accepting such gift, and providing further that the acceptance shall not bind the Town to raise, appropriate, or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of any such personal property?

6. TRANSFER OF TAX LIENS AND SALE OF TAX DEED PROPERTY: Shall the Town accept the provisions of RSA 80:80 (or RSA 80:42 if the Town has not adopted the tax lien procedure) providing that any Town at an annual meeting may adopt an article **authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority**, the Selectmen to convey, without further action by the Town Meeting, any real estate acquired by the Town by tax collector's deed, provided that such conveyance be by deed following a public auction, or the property sold by advertised sealed bids, or otherwise disposed of as justice may require?

7. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BY LIBRARIES: Shall the Town accept the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d providing that any Town at any annual meeting may adopt an article **authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority**, the library trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, provided, however, that no acceptance of personal property by the library trustees shall be deemed to bind the town or the library trustees to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property.

**TOWN OF WALPOLE**  
**THE 1998 TOWN BUDGET**  
**&**  
**THE 1997 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**INTRODUCTORY NOTE -**

Once again we are pleased to report that the Town remains in a sound financial state. Revenues for 1997 exceeded expectations by over \$90,000, better than 5% above estimate, while expenditures came in just under our budgeted estimate.

The Town's Operating Budget for 1998 is up approximately \$25,000 over last year's budget, a rise of just over 1%. Recognizing that the proposed Warrant Articles could substantially increase the taxes which each property owner would have to pay in the coming year, we made every effort to keep the Operating Budget's increase as small as possible.

The General Fund Budget (that is, the Operating Budget less the Water and Sewer Budgets) which we propose is up just under \$50,000 -- an increase of 2.5% over the 1997 Budget. Almost two-thirds of that increase, \$33,000, is in the Police Department, and \$22,000 of that increase is expected to be covered by a second COPS-FAST grant. Even with this increase the Walpole Police Department budget remains the lowest of any Town of comparable size in the State.

Again we express our appreciation to those entrusted with the Town's financial administration and to the dedicated full and part-time employees of Walpole. Together they have not only made Walpole the marvelous community it is, but also, over the past five years, helped us keep the expenses of your Town government under tight rein.

**- The Board of Selectmen**



**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
Municipal Services Division - 1997 Tax Rate Calculation**

Town of Walpole			Tax Rates	
Appropriations	\$2,979,452			
Less: Revenues	2,197,703			
Less: Shared Revenues	23,286			
Add: Overlay	24,332			
War Service Credits	27,200			
<b>Net Town Appropriation</b>		<b>\$809,995</b>		
Approved Town Tax Effort		\$809,995		
<b>Municipal Tax Rate</b>				<b>\$4.19</b>
<b>School Portion</b>				
Due to Regional School	\$3,277,939			
Less: Shared Revenues	97,447			
<b>Net School Appropriation</b>		<b>\$3,180,492</b>		
Approved School(s) Tax Effort		\$3,180,492		
<b>School(s) Tax Rate</b>				<b>\$16.45</b>
<b>County Portion</b>				
Due to County	\$489,088			
Less: Shared Revenues	5,821			
Net County Appropriation		<b>\$483,267</b>		
Approved County Tax Effort		\$483,267		
<b>County Tax Rate</b>				<b>\$2.50</b>
<b>Combined Tax Rate</b>				<b>\$23.14</b>
<b>Commitment Analysis</b>				
<b>Total Property Taxes Assessed</b>		<b>\$4,473,754</b>		
Less: War Service Credits		(27,200)		
Add: Village Service Credits		189,212		
<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>		<b>\$4,635,766</b>		
<b>Proof of Rate</b>				
Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment		
\$193,334,200	\$23.14	\$4,473,754		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Net Appropriation</b>	<b>Valuation</b>	<b>Tax Rate</b>	<b>Commitment</b>
N. Walpole Village	\$83,748	\$36,389,200	\$2.31	\$84,059
Walpole Fire District	\$104,496	\$156,945,000	\$0.67	\$105,153
Total Village District Commitment				\$189,212
<b>Total Tax</b>				
<b>North Walpole Village</b>				<b>\$25.45</b>
<b>Walpole Fire District</b>				<b>\$23.81</b>

**DETAIL REVENUE COMPARISON  
YEARLY THROUGH DECEMBER 1997  
BUDGETED VERSUS ACTUAL (UN-AUDITED)  
AND 1998 REQUESTED**

Budgeted Revenue	1996 Budgeted	1996 Actual	1997 Budgeted	1997 Actual	1998 Estimated
3110 Property Taxes	\$774,600	\$774,600	\$0	\$782,795	\$0
3120 Land Use Change Tax	2,500	2,364	6,000	8,440	3,000
3185 Yield Tax	10,000	8,723	10,000	8,346	10,000
3190 Penalties & Interest	80,200	71,258	75,200	72,790	73,000
3210 Business Licenses & Permits	25	0	25	0	25
3220 Motor Vehicle Permits	330,000	345,429	350,000	380,211	400,000
3230 Building Permits	1,500	1,495	1,500	1,750	1,600
3290 Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	3,050	2,486	2,870	2,501	2,820
3319 Other Federal Grants & Reimb.	31,250	39,674	23,965	22,807	27,700
3351 Shared Revenue Block Grant	89,856	89,856	40,391	63,814	40,391
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	0	0	35,294	35,332	35,000
3353 Highway Block Grant	86,034	86,034	98,047	98,047	95,132
3354 Water Pollution Grants	466,528	468,150	450,637	452,283	434,722
3359 Other State Grants & Reimb	700	1,485	1,619	1,619	1,600
3401 Income From Departments	22,940	18,027	20,800	49,774	21,750
3404 Garbage-Refuse Charges	86,650	64,870	74,120	69,106	71,405
3501 Sale of Municipal Property	8,000	29,900	7,500	7,255	7,500
3502 Interest on Investments	18,000	35,997	30,000	48,844	35,000
3503 Rents of Municipal Property	2,200	2,823	2,200	1,899	1,900
3504 Police Department- Fines	120	380	200	780	500
3506 Insurance Dividends & Reimb	10,500	12,141	15,000	19,489	15,200
3508 Contributions & Donations	500	1,000	500	0	500
3509 Other Miscellaneous Revenue	516	2,019	716	608	716
3912 Interfund Operating Transfers in -SD	74,959	74,959	72,277	64,980	69,948
3916 Transfer from Trust & Agency Funds	22,100	11,280	22,100	12,596	22,100
<b>Total General Fund (Less Property Taxes)</b>	<b>\$1,348,128</b>	<b>\$1,370,350</b>	<b>\$1,340,961</b>	<b>\$1,423,271</b>	<b>\$1,371,509</b>
3402 Water Supply Systems	121,750	143,685	120,380	140,066	125,735
3403 Sewer User Charges	254,474	232,689	234,362	223,820	204,478
<b>Total Est Revenues (Less Property Taxes)</b>	<b>\$1,724,352</b>	<b>\$1,746,724</b>	<b>\$1,695,703</b>	<b>\$1,787,157</b>	<b>\$1,701,722</b>

## REVENUE WARRANT ARTICLE

<u>Articles:</u>	<b>1996 Budgeted</b>	<b>1996 Actual</b>	<b>1997 Estimated</b>	<b>1997 Actual</b>	<b>1998 Estimated</b>
<u><b>Carry-Over Articles:</b></u>					
1996 ART 17-CDBG ADA Mun Renovations	52,500	0	52,500	3,035	49,465
1997 ART 16-CDBG ADA TH/LIB Ext. Upgrade			40,000	30	39,970
Total Carry-Over Articles	52,500	0	40,000	3,065	0
<u><b>Continuous Articles:</b></u>					
ART-HWY Cap Res Reimburse-Trucks/Equip	60,000	57,887	65,000	65,000	21,500
<b>1998</b>					
ART 3-BONDS-LDF Closure	0	0	0	0	500,000
ART 3-Transfer LDF Cap Res-Landfill Closure	0	0	0	0	100,000
ART 11-Transfer POL Cap Res-Police Cruiser	0	0	0	0	24,000
ART 11-Police Vehicle Trade-In	0	0	0	0	5,000
1998 Total Articles	0	0	0	0	629,000
<b>1997</b>					
SP ART 1-Town Hall Renovations	0	0	325,000	0	0
ART 11-Sale of Town Truck			0	6,556	0
ART 13-Whitcomb Park-Tennis Courts			2,000	1,375	0
ART 18-RCY/TFR Capital Reserve-Compactor			5,000	4,699	0
1997 Total Articles			332,000	12,630	0
<b>1996</b>					
ART 14-NH Energy Audit-TH/LIB	1,773	4,481	0	0	0
ART 18-Basketball Court Resurface	2,000	1,340	0	0	0
ART 9-Highway Truck Sale	0	6,250	0	0	0
ART 11-POL Capital Reserve Reimburse	23,500	22,370	0	0	0
ART 26-TFR/RCY Computer Reimburse	3,600	2,993	0	0	0
1996 Total Articles	30,873	37,434	0	0	0
Total Articles	143,373	95,321	437,000	80,695	650,500
Total Revenues (Less Warrant Articles)	\$1,724,352	\$1,746,724	\$1,695,703	\$1,787,157	\$1,701,722
Total Revenues (Including Warrant Articles)	\$1,867,725	\$1,842,045	\$2,132,703	\$1,867,852	\$2,352,222



**DETAIL EXPENDITURE COMPARISON  
FOR THE YEAR THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1997  
BUDGETED VERSUS ACTUAL (UN-AUDITED)  
AND 1998 REQUESTED**

Purpose of Appropriation	1996 Budgeted	1996 Actual	1997 Budgeted	1997 Actual	1998 Requested
4130 Executive	\$13,089	\$15,632	\$14,237	\$14,475	\$43,540
4140 Election, Registration, Vital Statistic	16,155	13,578	14,760	14,159	20,500
4150 Financial Administration	141,772	143,780	118,772	118,347	112,239
4153 Legal Expenses	7,500	4,624	10,000	5,410	10,000
4155 Personnel Administration	2,500	10,369	2,500	0	0
4191 Planning & Zoning	3,445	3,155	5,935	4,832	5,760
4194 General Government Bldg	21,560	19,830	41,250	25,002	45,200
4195 Cemeteries	33,985	33,077	39,485	30,875	32,410
4196 Other Insurances	24,800	19,480	20,200	20,035	18,200
4197 Regional Associations	4,848	4,847	5,231	5,231	5,112
4210 Police	102,925	96,237	115,975	112,907	148,844
4215 Ambulance	0	0	0	0	3500
4290 Other Public Safety	2,500	575	2,500	1,832	2,500
4312 Highways & Streets	630,260	615,244	641,650	727,119	647,185
4313 Highway Bridges	0	6,177	0	0	0
4316 Highway Street Lighting	19,000	23,244	22,000	20,693	20,000
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	129,720	85,349	110,183	91,430	116,083
4325 Solid Waste Cleanup	7,000	7,493	10,000	6,232	9,000
4414 Animal Control	400	371	400	371	400
4415 Health Agencies	27,090	27,090	28,041	28,041	23,072
4441 Welfare Administration	400	11	25	138	2,288
4445 Welfare Vendor Payments	20,450	11,244	29,975	8,670	29,975
4449 Other Welfare	200	0	200	0	200
4520 Parks & Recreation	28,595	27,637	38,230	31,335	41,100
4550 Library	53,140	43,000	58,410	48,010	63,305
4583 Patriotic Purposes	2,550	344	2,550	2,168	550
4589 Other Culture & Recreation	8,550	8,412	9,150	8,523	9,150
4611 Conservation	8,800	6,480	8,160	5,180	7,645
4711 Debt Service-Principle	311,385	311,385	311,385	311,385	311,385
4721 Debt Service-Interest	304,427	304,427	283,806	283,806	263,233
4723 Debt Service-Tan Interest	4,000	9,375	8,000	10,094	10,000
4916 Transfer to Trust & Agency	2,700	2,255	3,200	5,016	3,200
 Total General Fund	 \$1,933,746	 \$1,854,722	 \$1,956,210	 \$1,941,316	 \$2,005,576
 4331/4332 Water Administration	 121,750	 102,265	 120,380	 146,896	 125,735
4326/4911 Sewer Department	254,474	219,642	234,362	224,095	204,478
 Total Budget Appropriated	 \$2,309,970	 \$2,176,629	 \$2,310,952	 \$2,312,307	 \$2,335,789

# **WARRANT ARTICLE SUMMARY**

	1996 Budgeted	1996 Actual	1997 Budgeted	1997 Actual	1998 Requested
<b><u>Carry Over Articles</u></b>					
1992 ART 10-Landfill Closure	6272	6,272	0	0	0
1995 ART 17-Computer	660	880	0	0	0
1995 ART 13 Town Hall Eng/Arc. Plans	3600	3,400	0	3,400	0
1995/96 ART 19-Energy Project-TH/LIB	6830	6,010	0	1,420	0
1995 ART 12-Police Station	6733	6,391	0	0	0
1996 ART 17 CDBG ADA TH Renovations	105000	0	105000	6071	98929
1996 ART 23-TH Arch/Engineer Exp	10000	0	10000	10000	0
1996 ART 13-Police Station Equipment	5000	2499	2501	499	2002
1996 ART 21-School/High Street Project	65000	43417	21583	11200	0
1996 ART 19-Transfer Station Building	47500	2213	45287	43055	2232
1996 ART 24-Landfill Closure	10000	1939	8061	926	7135
1996 ART 22-LDF Tire Removal	10000	1826	8174	6219	1955
1997 ART 16-CDBG ADA TH/LIB External Imp	0	0	80,000	61	79939
Total Carry-Over Articles	252,500	74,847	80,000	82,851	0

## **Continuous Articles:**

ART's Highway Heavy Equipment Purch	60,000	58,004	65,000	65,000	21,500
ART's Transfer Cap Res-HWY Vehicles	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
ART's Transfer Cap Res-POL Cruisers	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
ART's Transfer Cap Res-LDF Closure	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	0
Total Continuous Articles	170,000	168,004	175,000	175,000	81,500

## **1998**

ART 3-Landfill Closure	0	0	0	0	600,000
ART 6-Town Hall Renovations	0	0	0	0	350,000
ART 7-Town Hall New Facility	0	0	0	0	225,000
ART 11-Police Vehicle Purchase	0	0	0	0	29,000
ART 12-Old Home Days	0	0	0	0	3,000
ART 13-Town Pool Filtration/Liner Repair	0	0	0	0	12,500
ART 14-LDF Tire Removal	0	0	0	0	10,000
ART 15-911 Conversion	0	0	0	0	5,000
ART 16-Transfer Station Finalization	0	0	0	0	47,000
Total 1998 Non-Continuous Articles	0	0	0	0	1,281,500

Note: Articles in Italics are carry-over amounts and are not included in budgeted totals.

# **WARRANT ARTICLE SUMMARY**

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	1996 Budgeted	1996 Actual	1997 Budgeted	1997 Actual	1998 Requested
<b><u>1997</u></b>					
SP ART 1-Town Office Expansion	0	0	325,000	0	0
ART 8-Office Expansion Engineering	0	0	25,000	25,000	0
ART 11-Highway Truck Sale to Cap Reserve	0	0	0	6,556	0
ART 13-Whitcomb Park-Tennis Courts	0	0	3,500	3,490	0
ART 15-911 Conversion	0	0	5,000	5,000	0
ART 17-School/Union Streets	0	0	50,000	54,128	0
ART 18-TFR Trash Compactor	0	0	5,000	4,699	0
Total 1997 Non-Continuous Articles	0	0	413,500	98,873	0
<b><u>1996</u></b>					
ART 14-Energy Project-TH/LIB	4,755	4,755	0	0	0
ART 11-Police Cruiser Purchase	23,500	22,370	0	0	0
ART 16-Old Home Days	2,000	2,000	0	0	0
ART 18-Basketball Court Resurface	3,000	2,345	0	0	0
ART 20-911 Conversion	5,000	0	0	0	0
ART 25-Highway Tractor Purchase	18,000	18,990	0	0	0
ART 26-RCY/TFR Computer	3,600	2,993	0	0	0
Total 1996 Non-Continuous Articles	59,855	53,453	0	0	0
Total Carry-Over Articles	252,500	74,847	80,000	82,851	0
Total Warrant Articles	229,855	221,457	588,500	273,873	1,363,000
Total Appropriations (Less Articles)	\$2,309,970	\$2,176,629	\$2,310,952	\$2,312,307	\$2,335,789
Total Appropriations (With Articles)	\$2,792,325	\$2,472,933	\$2,979,452	\$2,669,031	\$3,698,789

## **RECAP:**

Total Appropriations	\$2,792,325	\$2,472,933	\$2,979,452	\$2,669,031	\$3,698,789
Less:					
Revenues (Excludes Property Taxes)	\$1,867,725	\$1,842,045	\$2,132,703	\$1,867,852	\$2,352,222
Amount to be Raised by Taxes (Excludes School & County Tax)	\$924,600	\$630,888	\$846,749	\$801,179	\$1,346,567



**GENERAL FUND  
BALANCE SHEET  
DECEMBER 31, 1997**

**ASSETS**

Cash-Treasurer	\$387,461
Cash-NHPDIP Investments	1,401,103
Cash-Police Benevolent Fund	401
Cash-Tricentenary Committee	260
Petty Cash	400
Property Taxes Receivable (Net)	334,577
Current Use Change Tax	0
Yield Tax Receivable	418
Tax Liens Receivable	179,815
Sewer Liens	0
Accounts Receivable-Miscellaneous	3,930
Due From Other Governments	15,853
Due From Other Funds	7,911
<u>Prepaid Expenses</u>	<u>5,002</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$2,337,131</b>

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**LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE**

<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>	
Accounts and Warrants Payable	\$47,083
Due To Other Governments	(1,347)
Due To School District	1,692,643
Due To Other Funds	2,110
Deferred Revenues	2,904
Other Payables	450
<u>Restricted Liabilities-Transfer Station</u>	<u>500</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$1,744,343</b>

**Fund Balance**

<b>Reserved:</b>	
Reserved for Deferred Charges	\$0
<b>Unreserved:</b>	
Designated	102,759
Undesignated	305,878
<u>Residual Equity Transfer</u>	<u>184,151</u>
Unreserved Fund Balance	<u>\$592,788</u>

**TOTAL LIABILITES AND FUND BALANCE** **\$2,337,131**

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**CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE**

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Fund Balance January 1, 1997	\$610,238
<u>Fund Balance December 31, 1997</u>	<u>592,788</u>
<b>CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>(17,450)</b>

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**Town of Walpole  
Fund Balance Summary  
For Year Ended December 31,1997**

January 1    Change    December 31

Fund Balance Summary:

Undesignated Fund Balance	\$330,481	(\$24,603)	\$305,878
Designated Fund Balance	95,606	7,153	102,759
Residual Equity Transfer	184,151	0	184,151
Total	\$610,238	(\$17,450)	\$592,788

Designated Fund Balance Summary:

Appropriated Expenditures:

ART 16	1997 CDBG Town Hall/Library	\$39,970
ART 13	1996 Equip Police Station	2,002
ART 17	1996 CDBG ADA Project	49,465
ART 19	1996 Transfer Station	2,232
ART 22	1996 Landfill Tire Removal	1,955
ART 24	1996 Landfill Engineering	7,135
Total Designated Fund Balance		\$102,759

**WATER FUND  
BALANCE SHEET  
DECEMBER 31, 1997**

**ASSETS**

Cash - Treasurer	\$39,327
Cash-NHPDIP Investments	139,432
Rents Receivable	8,639
Prepaid Expenses	807
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$188,205</b>
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**LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE**

Liabilities

-----	
Accounts Payable	\$1,127
Accrued Expenses	295
Due To Other Funds	407
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Total Liabilities	\$1,829
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Fund Balance

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Unreserved:	
Undesignated	\$186,376
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Unreserved Fund Balance	\$186,376
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$188,205</b>
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**CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE**

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Fund Balance January 1, 1997	\$193,206
Fund Balance December 31, 1997	186,376
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<b>CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>(\$6,830)</b>
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**SEWER FUND  
BALANCE SHEET  
DECEMBER 31, 1997**

**ASSETS**

Cash - Treasurer	\$41,700
Cash - NHPDIP Investments	147,848
Sewer Fees Receivable (Net)	11,573
Sewer Debt Receivable (Net)	3,172
Due From Water Fund	407
Prepaid Expenses	1,808
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$206,508</b>
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**LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE**

Liabilities

-----	
Accounts Payable	\$20,362
Accrued Expenses	520
Deferred Revenues	2,904
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Total Liabilities	\$23,786
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Fund Balance

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Unreserved:	
Undesignated	\$182,722
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Unreserved Fund Balance	\$182,722
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$206,508</b>
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**CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE**

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Fund Balance January 1, 1997	\$182,997
Fund Balance December 31, 1997	182,722
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<b>CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>(\$275)</b>
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## **REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

To the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Walpole, New Hampshire

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Walpole, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1997, and have issued our report thereon dated January 22, 1998. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

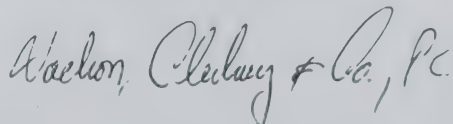
### Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Walpole, New Hampshire's general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of general purpose financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Town of Walpole, New Hampshire's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level of risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of the Board of Selectmen and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.



**REPORT OF THE WALPOLE TOWN CLERK  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997**

**-DR-**

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	(4152)	\$380,211.00
Filing Fees	(6)	6.00
Dog Licenses	(275)	1,633.50
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>		<b><u>\$381,850.50</u></b>

**-CR-**

**Remittances to Treasurer:**

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	(4152)	\$380,211.00
Filing Fees	(6)	6.00
Dog Licenses	(275)	1,633.50
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b><u>\$381,850.50</u></b>



**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT  
SUMMARY TO TAX ACCOUNTS  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996  
Sandra Smith, Tax Collector**

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	1997	1996
<b>Uncollected Taxes - Beginning of Year</b>		
Property Taxes		\$293,813.65
Land Use Change		2,832.00
Yield Taxes		2,245.84
<b>Taxes Committed This Year:</b>		
Property Taxes	3,723,429.00	
Land Use Change	8,440.00	
Yield Taxes	7,863.75	
Utilities		4,735.48
<b>Overpayments:</b>		
Property Taxes	5,928.72	98.83
Land Use Change	12.00	
Costs Conversion to Lien		2,160.00
Interest Collected on Delinquent Tax	4,040.18	14,782.93
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$3,749,713.65</b>	<b>\$320,668.73</b>

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Levies for Years:	1997	1996
<b>Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year</b>		
Property Taxes	\$3,457,141.74	\$293,912.48
Land Use Change	8,452.00	2,832.00
Yield Taxes	7,445.98	2,245.84
Utilities		4,735.48
Interest	4,040.18	14,316.93
Penalties		466.00
Conversion to Lien		2,160.00

**Abatements Made:**

Property Taxes	3,510.00
Current Levy Deeded	159.00

**Uncollected Taxes End of Year**

Property Taxes	268,546.98
Yield Taxes	417.77

<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$3,749,713.65</b>	<b>\$320,668.73</b>
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**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT  
SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997  
Sandra Smith, Tax Collector**

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**Tax Sale/ Lien on Account**

	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>Unredeemed Liens Balance</b>		\$88,281.54	\$57,744.49	\$258.57
Beginning of Fiscal Year				
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	164,814.92			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	3,162.38	10,000.31	17,888.34	
Costs	667.00	428.60	575.00	
Refunds	51.38			
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$168,695.68</b>	<b>\$98,710.45</b>	<b>\$76,207.83</b>	<b>\$258.57</b>

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**Remittance To Treasurer:**

Redemption's	70,569.85	50,390.74	57,465.29	
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	3,162.38	10,000.31	17,888.34	
Costs	667.00	428.60	575.00	
Liens Deeded to Municipality	277.14	276.04	279.20	258.57
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	94,019.31	37,614.76		
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$168,695.68</b>	<b>\$98,710.45</b>	<b>\$76,207.83</b>	<b>\$258.57</b>

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT  
SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997  
Kathleen Foster, Tax Collector**

-DR-

	1997	1996
<b>Uncollected Taxes</b>		\$440,990.13
<b>Beginning Fiscal Year</b>		

**Taxes Committed - This Year**

Property Taxes	917,268.00
Yield Taxes	482.07
Supplemental Warrant	63.00
Sewer User/Debt	10,879.10

**Overpayment:**

Property Taxes	22.00	
Lien Costs		861.00
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	397.75	3,344.45
Sewer User/Debt	173.46	

<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$929,285.40</b>	<b>\$445,195.58</b>
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<b>Levies of:</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1996</b>
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Remitted to Treasurer  
During Fiscal Year:

Property Taxes	848,998.16	440,900.13
Overpayment	22.00	
Yield Taxes	482.09	
Sewer User/Debt	10,879.10	
Interest- Property	397.75	3,344.45
Interest/Sewer User/ Debt	173.46	
Lien Costs		861.00

**Abatelements Made:**

Property Taxes	77.00
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**Uncollected Taxes - End of Year**

Property Taxes	68,255.84
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<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$929,285.40</b>	<b>\$445,195.58</b>
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**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT  
SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997  
Kathleen Foster, Tax Collector**

	-DR-	1996	1995	1994
<b>Unredeemed Liens</b>			\$33,465.52	\$30,313.51
Beginning Balance of Fiscal Year				
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	48,166.11			
Interest & costs Collected After Lien Execution	579.83	2,429.45	10,705.36	
Costs	207.00	115.00	322.00	
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>		<b>\$48,952.94</b>	<b>\$36,009.97</b>	<b>\$41,340.87</b>

	-CR-	1996	1995	1994
<b>Levies of:</b>				
<b>Remitted to Treasurer</b>				
During Fiscal Year:				
Redemption's	\$19,257.11	\$15,284.59	\$30,313.51	
Interest/Costs (After Lien Execution)	579.83	2,420.45	10,705.36	
Redeemed Costs	207.00	115.00	322.00	
Unredeemed Liens (Balance end of Year)	28,909.00	18,180.93		
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>\$48,952.94</b>	<b>\$36,009.97</b>	<b>\$41,340.87</b>

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Helen Ladd, Treasurer**

Cash on Hand January 1, 1997 \$475,627.55

Sandra J. Smith, Tax Collector:

1997 Property Tax	\$3,457,141.74	
1997 Interest	4,030.46	
1997 Tax Costs	2,160.00	
1997 Redemption's	70,569.85	
1997 Interest & Costs	3,829.38	
1997 Yield Tax	7,445.98	
1997 Yield Tax Penalty	0.13	
1997 Current Use Tax	8,452.00	
1997 Current Use Tax Interest	9.59	
1996 Property Tax	293,912.48	
1996 Interest	14,329.12	
1996 Redemption's	50,390.74	
1996 Interest & Costs	10,428.91	
1996 Current Use Tax	2,832.00	
1996 Sewer Use - Sewer Debt	4,735.48	
1996 Sewer Use- Sewer Debt Interest	74.28	
1996 Yield Tax	2,245.84	
1996 Yield Tax Interest	379.53	
1995 Redemption's	57,465.29	
1995 Interest & Costs	18,463.34	
		\$4,008,896.14

Sandra J. Smith, Town Clerk:

1997 Auto Permits	380,211.00	
1997 Dog Licenses	1,633.50	
1997 Filing Fees	6.00	
		\$381,850.50

Walpole Police Department:

Insurance Reports & Copies	427.00	
Pistol Permits	50.00	
Police Duty - E. Withington	135.00	
Copy Records	133.00	
Keene District Court Fines	780.00	
Cops Fast	12,500.00	
Cops More	868.00	
		\$14,893.00

Savings Bank of Walpole:

Tax Anticipation Loan	\$1,000,000.00
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Recycling Services:

Recycling	17,523.42	
Bulky Items	438.00	
Bags	51,829.54	
		\$69,790.96

Kathleen Foster, Tax Collector:

1997 Property Tax	849,020.16	
1997 Interest	397.75	
1997 Interest & Costs	861.00	
1997 Sewer Use/Debt	10,879.10	
1997 Sewer Use Debt Interest	173.46	
1997 Yield Tax	482.09	
1996 Property Tax	440,990.13	
1996 Interest	3,344.45	
1996 Redemption's	19,257.11	
1996 Interest & costs	786.83	
1995 Redemption's	15,284.59	
1995 Interest & cost	2,544.45	
1994 Redemption's	30,313.51	
1994 Interest & Cost	11,027.36	
		\$1,385,361.99

Trustees of Trust Funds:

Police Cruiser Equipment	1,645.00	
Hooper Payroll Insurance	575.34	
Recycle Computer - Article 2	2,992.66	
Walpole Recreation Department	625.00	
Highway Trust	37,489.00	
Highway Truck Body	27,511.00	
Hooper Reimbursement - Expenses	48,943.09	
Hooper Cottage	41.58	
GLH Account	357.00	
Electrical Work - Hooper	341.06	
Hooper Building Repairs	270.00	
Hooper Hill Hoppers - Steel Girders	500.00	
Water Reimbursement - Hooper	70.98	
		\$121,361.71

Walpole Water Department:

1997 Water Billing	121,426.42	
1997 Water Billing Interest	76.18	
Prior Year Water Billing	3,894.97	
Prior Year Water Billing Interest	387.44	
Water Shut-Offs	185.00	
Hook-ups & Inspections	910.00	



Walpole Water Department - Cont.		
Returned Payment	235.31	
Hubbard Farms - Dust Control Water Use	756.30	
Leslie Hubbard - Water for Pool	97.33	
No. Walpole Water Line - Bixby	600.00	
Sarah Cashell - Refund Water Materials	155.25	
		\$128,724.20

Cemetery Fund #1	8,100.00	\$8,100.00
Cemetery Fund #2	1,760.00	\$1,760.00
Quinton Fund	660.00	\$660.00
Hooper Institute Fund	2,716.98	\$2,716.98
Mason Forest Fund	1,451.14	\$1,451.14

Walpole Sewer Debt:

1997 Sewer Billing	74,222.31	
1997 Sewer Billing Interest	38.09	
Prior Year Sewer Billing	376.32	
Prior Year Sewer Billing Interest	3.09	
1997 Sewer Debt	31,364.84	
1997 Sewer Debt Interest	61.15	
Prior Year Sewer Debt	0.54	
Prior Year Sewer Debt Interest	0.04	
1996 Sewer Debt Lien	4,735.48	
Sewer Hook-ups & Inspections	1,720.00	
		\$112,520.86

North Walpole Sewer Department:

1997 Sewer Billing	58,465.15	
1997 Sewer Billing Interest	89.39	
Prior Year Sewer Billing	3.85	
Prior Year Sewer Billing Interest	0.29	
1997 Sewer Debt	31,441.35	
1997 Sewer Debt Interest	95.58	
1996 Sewer Debt Lien	10,879.10	
Prior Year Sewer Debt	8.09	
Prior Year Sewer Debt Interest	0.62	
		\$100,983.42

State of New Hampshire:

Highway Block Grant	98,047.17
Investment Income	6,418.95
Return of Workman's Comp Fund	15,341.87
1996 Refund Series 1990	5,808.82
Revenue Sharing	167,081.52
Sewer Bond	407,864.00
Railroad Tax	1,619.25

State of New Hampshire - Cont.		
Rooms & Meals Tax	35,332.45	
SSI Reimbursement	1,104.83	
Drewsville Project	6,470.00	
Drewsville Project Reimbursement	361.00	
North Walpole Project	7,399.00	
Kedric Project	45,717.00	
Welfare Reimbursement	779.49	
Forest Fire Permits	75.00	
NHMA Insurance Dividend Check	187.20	
		\$799,607.55

Highway Department:

1983 Dump Truck - Behco Truck Sales	6,555.50	
Fiat Allis Dozer - Behco Truck Sales	12,255.50	
Steve's Undercoating	200.00	
3rd Party Sick Pay - John Parkins	6,180.00	
3rd Party Sick Pay - James Skiffington	2,347.20	
3rd Party Sick Pay Refund. - John Parkins	33.88	
Sale of chipper	1,375.00	
		\$25,947.08

Landfill:

Landfill - White Goods	81.00	
Landfill - Bedding	220.50	
Landfill - Construction Debris	717.00	
Landfill - Tires	108.00	
		\$1,126.50

Town Hall Rentals	\$2,510.00	
Water Meters	43.70	
Current Use	71.92	
Building Permits	1,750.00	
Sale of Cemetery Lots	2,700.00	
Planning Board Fees	480.00	
Planning Board Copies	28.50	
Planning Board Postage	22.68	
Copy Machine	774.50	
Zoning Board Fees	115.00	
Zoning Board Copies	76.00	
Zoning Board Postage	4.00	
Zoning Board Regulations	15.00	
Table & Chair Rental	428.00	
Walpole Recreation Department Income	11,665.30	
Resurface Courts	50.00	
Tennis Fund	1,325.00	
Return Check Charges	55.00	
Walpole Fire District - Fuel Reimbursement	1,231.11	
Ellen Miffitt - Blue Cross - Blue Shield	6,261.84	

No. Walpole Village District - Boiler Repair	50.00
U.S. Treasury - Misc. Federal Income	248.85
Fall Mountain Regional Schhol District Meeting	45.00
FMRHS District - Workman's Comp	2.95
S.W. Solid Waste District Reimbursement	2,610.30
SWRCS - Audit on Grant	439.00
Hick's Machine - Wage Garnishment	50.00
Dunning Corp. - Wage Garnishment	120.00
N.N. Police Assoc. - Check 30713 Voided - Stale Date	10.00
Eric Merkele- Check #30982 Voided - Stale Date	16.37
Ralph Reed - Sale of John Deere Tractor	1,179.00
Gordon Nash - Sale of Lathe & Mill	2,000.00
Fall Mountain Regional Schhol District Meeting	571.05
Young - Bill Paid Previously	194.52
Misc. Income - Pay for Stolen Items	6.00
Seminar Reimbursement	50.00
Granite State Electric - 1997 Escheat Refund	177.00
Town of Chesterfield - Head Scale Purchase	1,100.00
Salary Reimbursement - Drewsville Project	64.00
Hodgkins & Sons - Fire Hydrant - Rite Aid	457.27
N.H. Assessing Officials - Class Refund	50.00
E.E. Houghton - Refund Personal Bill	119.80
Walpole Volunteer Ambulance - Workman's Comp.	895.32
Walpole Fire District - FICA	1,289.76
SWRPC - Auditing Expense	1,400.00
No. Walpole Village District - Workman's Comp.	624.93
Hodgkins & Sons Inc. - Replace Keys	15.75
Kathleen Foster - Purchase of 030-020-000	1.00
Electronic Transfers - Federal Witholding	(146,892.85)
Wire Transfers & Fees	(1,035,260.35)
 Savings Bank of Walpole - Interest on Account	 10,780.28
Savings Bank of Walpole -s Service Charges	(1,267.25)
Walpole Ambulance Service - Diesel Fuel	39.01

Cash on Hand January 1, 1997	\$475,627.55
Cash Receipts	<u>\$7,039,556.79</u>
	\$7,515,184.34

Cash Payments	<u>\$7,045,579.63</u>
Cash on Hand January 1, 1998	\$469,604.71

Total Outstanding Checks:	\$11,358.36
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Helen S. Ladd, Treasurer

**Trustees Of Trust Funds**

PO Box 483  
Walpole, NH. 03608

**REPORT OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS**

**TOWN OF WALPOLE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 12/31/97**

The pages which follow contain summary reports of each of the accounts managed by the Town's Trustees of Trust Funds. A full and detailed report of each account is on file in the Selectmen's office and is available for public inspection.

During 1997 the Trustees of Trust Funds managed twenty-three separate funds on behalf of the Town. These funds had a market value at the end of the year of over \$3,500,000 and produced income during the past year in excess of \$125,000.00. The stocks in these funds showed a 23% market value increase in 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jerome Galloway

  
Marshall Putnam

Trustees of Trust Funds

  
Bruce Cramer



Report of Trustees of Trust Funds

**GEORGE L. HOOPER TRUST (1925)**

December 31, 1997

Investments	Book Value	Market Value	Income
Common Stock	\$197,133.88	\$415,692.18	\$8,964.22
Government Bonds	229,392.97	232,943.05	11,681.51
Corporate Bonds	45,481.25	47,361.50	6,243.76
Other -- Misc.			
Trust for Shor Term Govt		<b>SOLD</b>	1,394.68
Federated US Treas Obl #68	<u>66,190.39</u>	<u>66,190.39</u>	<u>3,362.31</u>
<b>Total Fund</b>	<b>\$538,198.49</b>	<b>\$762,187.12</b>	<b>\$31,646.48</b>
Less Service Charge			<u>\$ (2,593.41)</u>
Net Income			\$29,053.07
Income from Income Investments			<u>\$1,118.82</u>
Total Income			<u>\$30,171.89</u>

Reconciliation

Book Value December 31, 1996	\$479,603.44
Capital Gains/Losses	
400 American Home Products	25,319.94
400 A T & T	7,973.10
200 Gener: December 31, 1995	\$13,924.97
25 NCR	456.74
600 Norfolk Southern	7,033.38
450 Public Service Enterprise Group	(779.02)
300 Sara Lee	4,404.35
40 Tricon Global	815.09
30m Ford Holdings Inc (Bond)	76.50
Book Value December 31, 1997	<b>\$538,198.49</b>

Report of Trustees of Trust Funds

**GEORGE L. HOOPER TRUST (1925)**

December 31, 1997

**Income and Expense Account**

Receipts

Net Income Investments	\$30,171.89	
Rent-Cottage	9,390.00	
Rent-Golf Club	18,350.91	
Interest NOW Account	122.98	
Income-Hooper School	392.00	
Invested Deposit, Cottage Security	775.00	
Total Income		<u>\$59,202.78</u>

Expenses

Hooper Institute School	\$42,963.08	
Insurance (1996 & 1997)	823.00	
Sewer Debt and use	487.36	
Security Alarm	418.00	
Miscellaneous Utilities	1,954.32	
Total Expenses		<u>\$(46,645.76)</u>
Net Income		<u>\$12,557.02</u>

Balance on Hand December 31, 1996	\$43,409.51
Net Income	<u>\$12,557.02</u>
Balance December 31, 1996	\$55,966.53
US Treasury Note	\$19,950.00
Savings Bank of Walpole 023-811201	9,429.60
Federated US Treasury Obl #68	<u>26,586.93</u>
Balance December 31, 1997	\$55,966.53

Report of Trustee of Trust Funds

**GEORGE L. HOOPER TRUST (1925)**

December 31, 1997

**Accumulating Fund**

<u>Investments</u>	Book Value	Market Value	Income
Common Stocks	\$315,323.78	\$770,591.18	\$13,649.77
Government Bonds	239,961.46	244,031.10	13,051.20
Corporate Bonds	54,500.00	58,207.25	3,970.00
Federated US Treas. Obl #68	138,933.51	138,993.51	5,176.12
Short Term US Gov't		<b>SOLD</b>	2,080.96
Total Fund	\$748,778.75	\$1,211,823.04	\$37,928.05
Less Service Charge			<u>(\$3,658.49)</u>
Net Income			<u>\$34,269.56</u>

**Reconciliation**

Book Value December 31, 1996		\$639,985.20
Capital Gains/Losses		
600 American Home Products	\$37,675.17	
.5 American Int' Group	\$38.16	
400 American Tel & Tel	\$7,973.12	
100 Disney, Walt Co.	\$3,444.49	
200 Gillette Co	10,688.40	
200 Minn. Mining & Mfg. Co	18,014.51	
25 NCR	456.74	
100 Norfolk & Southern Corp	11,446.55	
200 Raytheon	8,778.23	
500 Sara Lee	7,340.59	
299 Tricon Global	2,832.12	
23m YS Treasury Matured	105.47	\$108,793.55
Book Value December 31, 1997		\$748,778.75

**Income Account**

Invested Income Balance December 31, 1996	\$0.00
Net Income Investments	34,269.56
Transferred to Hooper Scholarship Fund	\$(17134.78)
Transferred to Hooper Maintenance Fund	\$(17134.78)
Balance December 31, 1997	\$0.00

Report of Trustees of Trust Funds

## HOOPER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

December 31, 1997

Balance December 31, 1996	\$62,345.01
Transferred from Hooper Accumulating Fund	17,134.78
Interest MBIA N.H. -01-0143-0006	1,704.70
Interest CFX CD #100065-6	1,655.90
Paid Scholarship, Tara Durgin	<u>(3500.00)</u>

Balance December 31, 1997	79,340.39
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MBIA NH 01-0143-0006 1997 Deposit	17,134.78
MBIA NH 01-0143-0006	10,549.71
CFX Bank CD# 100065-6	51,655.90

Balance December 31, 1997	\$79,340.39
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### THE GEORGE L. HOOPER SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is available to any Walpole resident. Up to \$5,000 for college or graduate studies will be awarded to selectmen applicants enrolled in a accredited program of studies in agriculture, forestry, botany or environmental sciences/conservation. The selections from applicants will be based on the following criteria: academic ability necessary for college or graduate school study, financial integrity, responsibility, integrity, initiative, and effort. Those interested in learning more about this scholarship should contact the Walpole Selectmen's Office.

#### The Hooper Scholarship Committee

Lou Andreoli Bruce Cramer Jack Pratt Ann Rogers Merv Stevens

## HOOPER MAINTENANCE FUND

December 31, 1997

Balance December 31, 1996	\$16,136.22
Transferred from Hooper Accumulating Fund	17,134.78
Interest MBIA N.H. -01-0143-0007	723.24
Paid for Repairs and Maintenance	<u>(7629.01)</u>

Balance December 31, 1997	26,365.23
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MBIA NH 01-0143-0007 1997 Deposit	17,134.78
12/31/97 MBIA NH 01-0143-0007	9,230.45

Balance December 31, 1997	\$26,365.23
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**TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS**  
**CEMETERY FUND #1**  
December 31, 1997

<u>Investments</u>	Book Value	Market Value	Income
Common Stock	\$61,003.65	\$118,863.10	\$3,646.75
Government Bonds	49,915.63	50,781.20	2,800.07
Corporate Bonds	15,020.75	16,102.90	1,181.26
Federated U.S. Treasury Obl. #68	<u>28,812.19</u>	<u>28,812.19</u>	<u>858.34</u>
Short Term U.S. Gov't		SOLD	\$175.38
Total Fund	\$154,752.22	\$214,559.39	\$8,661.80
Less Service Charge			<u>\$(722.65)</u>
Net Income			\$7,939.15

Cemetery #1 Income Account

Balance December 31, 1996	\$714.07
Net Income Investments	7,939.15
Interest Savings Bank of Walpole	6.92
Less Payment to Town	<u>\$(8100.00)</u>
Balance December 31, 1997	\$560.14
Savings Banks of Walpole #18793	253.69
Fleet Investment Services	<u>306.45</u>
Balance December 31, 1997	<u>\$560.14</u>

Reconciliation

Book Value December 31, 1996	\$142,008.35
Shares      Capital Gains/Losses	
100   Johnson & Johnson	\$4,069.29
200   Northern States Power	3,289.67
100   Porctor & Gamble Corp	3,125.25
300   Public Service Enterprise	(639.08)
200   Sara Lee Corp	2,936.24
10M   US Treasury	(37.50)
Book Value December 31, 1997	\$154,752.22

## Cemetery Fund #2

December 31, 1997

Balance December 31, 1996	\$29,861.61
1997 Additions	
Hugh & Eleanor Sullivan C115-& C116	550.00
Helen Wilkie C126	275.00
Guy & Marion Bemis	500.00
Richard & Elizabeth Prentiss C237 & C238	550.00
Kenneth & Susan Durgin C233 & C234	550.00
Joseph & Linda Graf C234 & C236	550.00
Income Balance December 31, 1997	1.37

Balance December 31, 1997	\$32,837.98
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### Investments

Shares	Stocks		Book Value	Market Value	Income
100	Southern Bell Common		\$5,712.00	\$7,325.00	\$134.25
	Bonds				
6m	US Treasury	7 1/8% 1998	6,005.63	6,068.46	427.50
6m	US Treasury	7 1/8% 1999	5,962.50	6,142.50	427.50
10m	US Treasury	7 1/8% 1998	9,928.13	10,187.50	637.75
	Other Miscellaneous				
	Trust for Short Term Gov't			<u>SOLD</u>	113.75
	Federated Treas. Obl #68		5,227.36	5,227.36	<u>148.92</u>
					\$262.67
Total Investments			\$32,836.99	\$33,058.99	\$1,889.42
Less Service Charge					\$ (131.99)
Net Income					<u>\$1,757.43</u>

### Cemetery #2 Income Account

Balance December 31, 1996	\$212.30
Net Investments	1,757.43
Interest Savings Bank of Walpole #33086	13.64
Less Payment To Town	\$ (1760.00)
Balance December 31, 1997	<u>\$223.37</u>
Savings Bank of Walpole #33086	\$222.00
Fleet Investment Service	1.37
Balance December 31, 1997	223.37
Reconciliation	
Book Value December 31, 1996	\$29,861.61
1997 Additions	2,975.00
Fleet Investment	\$1.37
Adjustment to 1996 Book Value	(.99)
Book Value December 31, 1997	<u>\$32,836.99</u>

Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds

**WALPOLE TOWN LIBRARY**

December 31, 1997

<u>Investments</u>	Book Value	Market Value	Income
Common Stock	\$53,791.14	\$110,903.50	\$2,453.25
US Govt. Bonds	64,964.06	66,013.30	3,901.01
Corporate Bonds	20,000.00	20,334.40	1,400.00
Trust for Short Term US Govt.		<b>SOLD</b>	225.87
Federated U.S. Treasury Obl #68	25,562.87	25,562.87	669.09
Total Fund	\$164,318.07	\$222,814.07	\$8,649.22
Less Service Charge			<u>(732.39)</u>
<b>Net Income</b>			\$7,916.83

Reconciliation

Book Value December 31, 1996	\$138,822.67
Capital Gains (Losses)	25,495.40
Book Value December 31, 1997	164,318.07

Library Income Account

Balance December 31, 1996	\$4,519.33
Net Income Investments	7,916.83
Interest Savings Bank of Walpole #17407	15.46
Less Payment to Library Treasurer	<u>(7,900.00)</u>
Balance December 31, 1997	4,551.62
Savings Bank of Walpole #17407	514.87
Fleet Bank Invested Income	<u>4,036.75</u>
Balance December 31, 1997	\$4,551.62

Reports of Trustees of Trust Funds

**FANNY P. MASON TRUST (1949)**

December 31, 1997

<u>Investments</u>	Book Value	Market Value	Income
Common Stock	\$103,782.56	\$283,124.55	\$3,650.46
Bonds	59,675.43	60,556.80	2,599.11
Trust, Short Term US Govt		<b>SOLD</b>	798.49
Federated US Treas. Obl #68	<u>55,134.56</u>	<u>55,134.56</u>	<u>2,002.00</u>
	\$218,592.55	\$398,815.91	\$9,050.06
Less Service Charge			<u>\$ (1,072.27)</u>
Net Income			\$7,977.79

Invested Income

Federated US Treas Obl #68	\$9,632.14	\$9,632.14
US Treasury 6 1/2% 2005	<u>10,062.50</u>	<u>10,425.00</u>
Total Fund	\$238,287.19	\$418,873.05

Reconciliation

Book Value December 31, 1996	\$188,694.70
Capital Gains	29,897.85
Book Value December 31, 1997	\$218,592.55

Mason Income Account

Balance December 31, 1996	\$13,449.09
Net Income Investments	7977.79
Interest Savings Bank of Walpole	13.16
Interest US Treasury Note	266.71
Project, Mason Forest	<u>(1,451.14)</u>
	\$20,255.61
 Fleet Invested Income	 \$19,694.64
Savings Bank of Walpole #11741	<u>560.97</u>
Balance December 31, 1997	\$20,255.61



Report of Trustees of Trust Funds

**CAROLINE B. COOKSEY FUND**

December 31, 1997

Balance December 31, 1996	\$3,252.47
Interest MBIA	169.13
Less Scholarship Paid - Jesse Robinson	<u>(175.00)</u>
Balance December 31, 1997	<u>\$3,246.60</u>

Fund Account

Investment Pool (MBIA) NH01-0143-0002	3,246.60
Balance December 31, 1997	<u>\$3,246.60</u>

**Income from this fund is paid every 3 years to a deserving  
Walpole student determined by the Principal and School Board.**

Years 2000, 2003, 2006 - -



The new Roger B. Santaw Head Start Center  
at Drewsville Mansion

*Photo courtesy of David Legasse*

Report of Trustees of Trust Funds

# **Horace Quinton Fund**

December 31, 1997

Investments	Book Value	Market Value	Income
Common Stock	\$4,396.13	\$5,898.21	\$352.80
Corporate Bonds	4,140.00	3,600.00	280.00
Trust or Short Term Govt.		<b>SOLD</b>	<u>21.67</u>
Federated U.S. Treasury Obl #68	881.26	881.26	45.16
<b>Total Fund</b>	<u><b>\$9,417.39</b></u>	<u><b>\$10,379.47</b></u>	<b>\$669.63</b>
Less Service Charge			<u><b>\$ (44.61)</b></u>
<b>Net Income</b>			<u><b>\$665.02</b></u>

## **Quinton Income Account**

Balance December 31, 1996	\$205.29
Net Income-Investments	655.02
Interest Savings Bank of Walpole	3.04
Less Payment to Selectmen	<u>\$ (660.00)</u>
<b>Balance December 31, 1997</b>	<u><b>\$203.35</b></u>
 Savings Bank of Walpole #20028	 \$122.02
Fleet Investment Services	<u>81.33</u>
<b>Balance December 31, 1997</b>	<u><b>\$203.35</b></u>

Income from this fund is paid annually to the Board of Selectmen to be expended by them for the benefit of the Town as they may deem advisable.

## Trustees Of Trust Funds

### LUCILLE BRAGG HEALTH CARE TRUST

December 31, 1997

#### Income and Expense Accounts

Trust Transferred to Trustees September 8, 1997		
Principal	\$9,000.00	
Accumulated Interest	1,338.56	
Total Initial Deposit		\$10,338.56
Receipts September 8 thru December 31, 1997		
CD Interest - Savings Bank of Walpole	131.76	
Interest Savings Bank of Walpole Account	5.40	
Total Receipts		\$137.16
Total Assets		\$10,475.72
Expenses		
School Nurse - Supplies	317.75	
School Nurse - Tuition	177.00	
Total Expenses		\$ (494.75)
Net Value of Trust December 31, 1997		\$9,980.97
Balance on Hand December 31, 1997		
CD	9,131.76	
Savings Account	849.21	
Total Trust December 31, 1997		\$9,980.97



Governor Jeanne Sheehan talked with numerous North Walpole citizens, including Commissioner Jim Van Etten during her inspection trip of erosion on the Connecticut River.

*Photo courtesy of Wayne Carter*

Report of Trustees of Trust Funds

**CAPITAL RESERVES**

December 31, 1997

**Walpole Police Department -- New Cruiser Fund**

Balance December 31, 1996	\$5,310.53
Paid to Town Equipment	(1,645.00)
Town Appropriation 1997	10,000.00
Interest - MBIA NH 01-0143-0008	613.97

Balance December 31, 1997	<u>\$14,279.50</u>
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NH Public Depsoit Investment Pool	14,279.50
MBIA NH01-0143-0008	

**Town Highway Heavy Equipment**

Balance December 31, 1996	\$53,945.21
1997 Appropriation	50,000.00
Interest Savings Bank of Walpole 33697	12.79
Interest CFX Bank CD's 26824-0	1,633.31
Interest MBIA	2,381.10
Less paid Town of Walpole Heavy Equipment	(65,000.00)
Sold 2 Used Trucks	<u>12,805.50</u>

Balance December 31, 1997	\$55,777.91
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CD #26824-0 CFX Bank 5.5% 1998	\$31,790.14
Savings Bank of Walpole 33697	548.71
MBIA NH01-0143-0005	<u>23,439.06</u>

Balance December 31, 1997	<u>\$55,777.91</u>
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Report of Trustees of Trust Funds

**CAPITAL RESERVES**

December 31, 1997

**Walpole Fire District Heavy Equipment**

Balance December 31, 1996	\$130,853.62
Income Received from Fire District 4/97	35,000.00
Interest CD's	7,505.26
Interest MBIA	1,422.08
Interest Savings Bank of Walpole #1033872	17.21
Balance December 31, 1997	\$174,798.17

CD's

Savings Bank of Walpole

#31442850	5.4%	07/18/97	07/18/98	\$22,317.15
#31443790	6.06%	11/29/97	05/29/99	11,347.98
#31440961	5.83%	10/11/97	10/11/98	38,306.51
#31432781	5/83%	10/24/97	10/24/98	36,390.03

CD's

Connecticut River Bank - Walpole

#7801724	5.56%	09/20/97	09/20/98	37,552.91
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Savings Bank - Walpole #1033872	738.69
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MBIA NH 01-0143-0001	28,144.90
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Balance December 31, 1997	\$174,798.17
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Walpole 4th Graders are shown at dedication of a memorial tree  
to Guy Bemis on the Walpole Common.

Report of Trustees of Trust Funds

## CAPITAL RESERVES

### WALPOLE RECREATION PARK

Trust Fund  
December 31, 1997

Balance December 31, 1996	\$5,247.78
Paid for Repairs to Park	(625.00)
Income:	
Fleet Investment Service	365.04
MBIA NH 01-0143-0012	116.24
Balance December 31, 1997	5,104.06
MBIA (NHPDIP) #NH01-0143-0012	5,104.06
Services Fees	

### LANDFILL CAPITAL RESERVES

Landfill Closure

Balance December 31, 1996	\$51,746.35
03-21-97 1997 Appropriation	50,000.00
Income Account	
Savings Bank Walpole C/D 033-308608 5.15% (matured 04/94/097	890.39
Savings Bank Walpole C/D 3143250 5.83% (matured 10/04/97)	1,557.42
Savings Bank Walpole C/D 31445440 5/83% 1 Yr 10/04/97 - 10/04/98	572.80
MBIA NH01-0143-0009	2,067.39
Savings Bank of Walpole CD #031-445440	54,766.96
MBIA NH 01-0143-0009	52,067.39
Balance December 31, 1997	\$106,834.35

Report of Trustees of Fund

**CAPITAL RESERVES**

December 31, 1997

**Walpole Revaluation Account**

Balance December 31, 1996	\$15,183.48
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Interest MBIA NH 01-143-0003	762.98
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Interest Savings Bank of Walpole 34886	20.20
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Balance December 31, 1997	\$15,966.66
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MBIA Account NH 01-143-0003	15,100.08
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Savings Bank of Walpole 34886	866.58
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Total Fund December 31, 1997	\$15,966.66
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**Recycling/Transfer Station**

Balance December 31, 1996	\$8,774.01
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Interest MBIA	316.29
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Paid Town of Walpole	(\$2,992.66)
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Balance December 31, 1997	\$6,097.64
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MBIA Account #NH 01-0143-0004	\$6,097.64
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## **WALPOLE WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT - 1997**

1997 was a very productive and busy year for the Walpole Water Department. We experienced several water main breaks in some of the older parts of the system. If you lost water or had rusty or dirty water during these times we appreciated your patience. As many of you know Walpole's water system is almost 100 years old and we are working hard to modernize as much of the system as possible with the money available. Many system improvements have been made. A new water main was installed on Union Street and part of School Street as part of our continued efforts to improve water quality in areas with antiquated mains or continued rusty water problems. This completes all but the south end of School Street, Union Street, Westminster Street and High Street. The next area scheduled to be upgraded is Maplewood Park, however, a time frame has not yet been set due to the size and cost of this project. Hopefully it will be done within the next 18 months.

Other improvements include re-roofing, and up-grading the utilities and over-flows at the distributor on Prospect Hill, replacement of over 50 meters and back-flow preventers and much work on a system long range plan and possible funding alternatives.

The 10 year plan consists mostly of projects that need to be done to satisfy state and federal requirements and insure great water quality and service.

If you have questions regarding Walpole town water please give us a call.

Respectfully submitted,

William E. Houghton

## **WALPOLE SEWER DEPARTMENT REPORT - 1997**

Walpole Sewer Department had a relatively quite year. We continued efforts to replace sewer lines made of old clay tile to help decrease the amount of ground water that enters the sewer system as we are charged by amount of waste received by Bellows Falls treatment plant. Last year Union Street and the remainder of School Street was upgraded.

In 1995 & 1996 the lines on Westminster Street, High Street, and the northern end of School Street were replaced, this has greatly reduced the amount of infiltration into the sewer system. We are still seeing inconsistent BOD counts which are primarily related to our commercial users. The Town is also charged on the BOD and SST amounts and we will be testing and working with our commercial users in 1998 to try lowering these figures.

Walpole Sewer Department is not planning any line improvements for 1998 with the next major improvement being on Main Street. Some drainage problems related to the sewer project in North Walpole are still being addressed and we appreciate everyone's patience.

If you have questions in regards to Walpole or North Walpole systems, please give us a call.

Respectfully submitted,

William E. Houghton



## **1997 WALPOLE ROAD AGENTS REPORT**

We had a lot of storms. We were out 46 times in the winter of 1996-1997. In February our loader man had a stroke while picking up snow. He has since recovered and is back to work. I have put the mechanic driving a truck for storms and instead of hiring a new man until May, moved a truck driver onto the loader. He did a good job, not being a loader operator.

Picking up snow is one of the hardest jobs. My drivers work long hours during the storm then start hauling away the snow after the roads are sanded and salted. Our crew has done another great job this year.

We did about 15 miles of clearing ditches. We ground up Turnpike Street, sprayed a liquid and rolled it and then we put 4" of pavement on it. Our test boring didn't show clay, so we hauled 500 Tons of stone to drain it. Tarring was done on Wentworth Road, North Road and Reservoir Road, "Jane Phipps" and Valley Road.

We dug out Cray's underpass in North Walpole and paved it. Russell Street underpass was dug out and lowered 10 inches. Now we don't have to buy equipment to fit the underpass! We did sections of sidewalks on Main Street, North Walpole and Turnpike Street in Walpole.

Our 1998 tarring proposal is to finish Wentworth Road, Graves Road, Cold River Road, Middle Street, Maple Grove Road and Hooper Road.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert (Joe) Smith  
Walpole Road Agent

## **CEMETERY REPORT**

Presently the cemetery crew of two are taking care of the lawns, shrubs, and trees at the old and new cemeteries of Walpole Village, Carpenter Hill, Drewsville, the Town Commons of Walpole, Whitcomb Park, and the four water stations.

The Cemetery Crew repaired many stones damaged during the winter months.

The Town of Walpole now has a Cemetery Commission made up of three members to whom any questions relating to cemetery matters may be addressed. The Commissioners are: Robert (Joe) Smith, Linda Edkins and Joy Fernandes.

Respectfully submitted,

Walpole Cemetery Committee

## WALPOLE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT - 1997

The Walpole Police Department 1997 calendar year breaks down as follows:

1. 80 Motor Vehicle Accidents
2. 32 Domestic Violence Cases
3. 30 Motor Vehicle Summons and 50 Warnings for various traffic offenses
4. 14 Restraining Orders Served
5. 44 Criminal Arrests
6. 282 Criminal Cases
7. 181 Field Calls, Burglar Alarms, Noise Complaints, etc.
8. 45 Criminal Mischief
9. 17 Burglaries
10. 15 Bad Checks
11. 6 Sexual Offenses
12. 7 Drug Offenses
13. 3 Forgery Offenses
14. 17 Thefts
15. 7 Assaults (not including Domestic Offenses)
16. 1 Stalking Offense

The Walpole Police handled 464 calls that came directly to the Police Department.

The Walpole Police were dispatched to 914 calls by Southwestern Mutual Aid in Keene, NH.

The Walpole Police made 47 appearances in either Keene District or Cheshire Superior Court in 1997.

The following is a list of the 27 towns that are dispatched by Southwestern Mutual Aid in Keene, NH. Of these 27 towns Walpole is the seventh busiest department in activity.

Swanzy	6 plus a Chief	6530
Winchester	4 plus a Chief	4200
Rindge	6 plus a Chief	4685
Jaffrey	10 plus a Chief	5423
Hinsdale	4 plus a Chief	4000
Chesterfield	4 plus a Chief	3203
Walpole	1 Chief	3200
Fitzwilliam	2 plus a Chief	2029
Troy	2 plus a Chief	2130
Hancock	1 plus a Chief	1625
Dublin	2 plus a Chief	1500
Marlborough	2 plus a Chief	2011
Alstead	1 Sergeant	
and 12 Part-time Departments		

Over the last couple of years with the aid of the State computer program we have been able to keep accurate statistics on the criminal activity in the Town of Walpole. In 1996 we were awarded a \$75,000.00 grant to hire a second full-time Officer, this money was to be spread out over a 3 year period. The town portion would be 25% a year, which calculates to approximately \$7,500.00 a year for three years.

As you can see with the above statistics the Walpole Police Department is in need for a second full-time Officer and this Federal Grant would reduce the burden to the taxpayer for three years.

I would like to thank the five members of the Walpole Police Department for their dedication and service. I would also like to thank the Selectmen of the Town of Walpole and the staff of the Walpole Town Offices for their assistance during the year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Walpole for their support and look forward to another year of serving the community.

Respectfully submitted,

David C. Hewes  
Chief of Police

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 1997

Much of our work is consistent from year to year. We are responsible for reviewing and making recommendations on applications for wetlands permits. We are also frequently called upon to determine whether a wetland permit is required for work on property that is borderline wetlands. These duties are our responsibility and we are more than willing to provide these services at any time.

During 1997 we sponsored an Eagle Scout project. This project was done at the Mason Forest. Commissioner Lewis Shelley worked with the Eagle Scout candidate and very badly needed improvements were completed on and around the trail beginning at the River Road South.

We have assumed the trash pickup and removal duties at the two rest areas on Route 12 south of the village. The New Hampshire Department of Transportation was ready to close these areas as they no longer cared to police the trash. We felt that, since the Conservation Commission was instrumental in the original planning and construction of these areas, we should see that they were kept open for public use.

We were approached by a division of the University of New Hampshire Extension Service regarding sponsorship of a Fall Mountain Regional High School student from the Walpole area to participate in a project called Students for Environmental Resources, Volunteerism and Education. After meeting with a leader from the Extension Service we felt a young person could benefit and enhance his or her appreciation for the environment from participation in this kind of project and agreed to sponsor a student. The young man chosen to participate attends our monthly meetings. He must report his activities of the previous month as well as his plans for the coming month. His field work will be in the Mason Forest and at the Fall Mountain Regional High School Forest. The Commission is very pleased with the work he has done to date.

It is obvious that the Mason Forest is becoming more and more a part of the Commission's work. The walking paths are now well kept. Trail markings have been improved and demonstration stands of trees will be marked. We trust you will take some time to go down there and see what a beautiful area this forest is.

We wish to extend our thanks to the Town Officers and Citizens of Walpole who have cooperated with us during 1997. We could not function without the help of all of you.

### The Walpole Conservation Commission

Lawrence Britton  
Van B. Garrison  
Kenneth McGill

Lewis Shelley  
Gary Speed  
Duncan Watson

Harold Putnam, Chairman

# CONSERVATION FUND 1997

	FINAL 12/31/96	PRELIM 12/31/97	ADJUSTMENTS DR      CR	FINAL 12/31/97
CASH	\$8,209.79	\$10,222.59		\$10,222.59
DUE FROM GENERAL FUND			2,110.00	<u>2,110.00</u>
	8,209.79	10,222.59		12,332.59
FUND BALANCE	8,209.79	8,209.79		8,209.79
CHANGE IN F/BAL		<u>2,012.80</u>		<u>4,122.80</u>
	\$8,209.79	\$10,222.59		\$12,332.59
REVENUE				
INTEREST		228.95		228.95
TRANSFER IN		<u>1,075.85</u>		<u>1,075.85</u>
LAND USE CHANGE TAXES		<u>708.00</u>	<u>2,110.00</u>	<u>2,818.00</u>
		2,012.80		4,122.80
EXPENDITURES				
CULTURE AND RECREATION		<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>
		<u>2,018.80</u>		<u>4,122.80</u>



## REPORT OF THE HOOPER INSTITUTE 1997

The Hooper Institute continued to serve the community of Walpole through its educational programs 1997. In accordance with the will of George L. Hooper, programs in agriculture, forestry, botany, so and conservation of the environment were offered.

Hooper Institute personnel visited each classroom at the Walpole and North Walpole Schools on a weekly basis. Primary School children learned about animals, plants, forest resources and soil study garden was planted, maintained, studied and harvested just outside the windows of the Walpole Prin School.

Middle school students learned about local farm and forestry operations by visiting them firsthand. They also learned about agricultural history at the Farm and Forest Museum, pressed cider, spun wool and threshed wheat. Soils and their conservation, trees and forestry, wetlands and the Connecticut River Valley were major units of study for this group as well.

Students expanded their knowledge of Walpole by venturing to the Mill Pond, Hooper Shelter, Hoop forest, Recycling Center, Fall Mt. and Drew Mt. Trailbuilders, a group of Junior High School volunteers improved town conservation lands and trails. Junior High students also conducted water quality tests throughout the town which became the basis for a workshop presentation at the NH Science Teachers Conference.

At the High School level, the Hooper Committee worked very hard to initiate a scholarship program. Scholarship money was awarded to students with special projects in the fields of agriculture and biology for supplies, equipment and the purchase of livestock.

A Summer Program for High School age youth enabled them to learn the practical skills of landscaping, orchard management and livestock care. More projects and a larger crew are anticipated for the coming summer.

The Summer Program for children in grades 1-8 attracted about sixty participants. Based at the Hooper Institute, they explored many sites in town and gained an appreciation for the beauty and uniqueness of Walpole. A small group of older children completed individual woodworking projects using the shop space in the building.

A variety of Community Programs were offered on weekends. Topics included: two woodlot tours with the town forester, a night sky watch, wild turkeys, geology of Fall Mt., Mill Pond nature walk, edible wild plants forage, plant swap and flower arranging. An Open House in the Fall welcomed a new Native American basket collection donated by Deborah Ann Hill. 181 people attended these programs.

306 people visited the Farm and Forest Museum programs which yielded \$392 in income. 4-H and Ecc Club youth groups used the building on a regular basis. Hooper personnel also worked with community youth groups.

Congratulations to Fritze Till for the honor of being selected as runner-up for the New Hampshire Science Teacher of the Year Award. Thanks to the many people who have supported the Hooper Institute with donations of time and expertise this year. This includes the hosts of our Farm & Forest field trips, program presenters and program volunteers. A special thanks to the Hooper Committee for their sound guidance and leadership toward another productive year.

Respectfully Submitted,

"We are on-line!" 1997 marks the year that our library entered the electronic age by providing access for our patrons to the information highway. In addition, equipment was purchased so that our book circulation system will soon be completely automated. We have one computer designated for internet use by patrons; one to provide CD Rom access to information retrieval; two at the circulation desk - one for staff use in checking out books and one for patrons to use for book searches; one for the library director's use and one for the use of the librarian at the North Walpole branch. Over \$20,000 dollars was spent to provide these services, and yet not one penny of tax supported funds was used.

Thanks to the untiring efforts of our Library Director Ellen Miffitt all the necessary funding was acquired through a state grant, donations from townspeople, and the generous support of the Friends of the Library. We, as trustees, are very appreciative of the effort and generosity of all those who made this big step into this new age possible. We are also appreciative of the dedication of our library staff who, in addition to Director Miffitt, includes Rose Werden, No. Walpole Branch Librarian and Barbara Dretzin, Fran Moses, Mary Farrell who all serve as assistant librarians at the Bridge Memorial Library.

19,696 items were loaned out to patrons this year, including 18,298 books, 912 magazines, 187 audio-books, 299 video tapes. Five hundred and twenty five reference questions were answered by the staff, and of the 389 requests for interlibrary loan materials, 306 were received. In addition, since the short time our computer has been connected to the internet, 45 people have signed on through our station. Finally, a grand total of 15,685 guests visited the Bridge Memorial Library and the No. Walpole Branch during 1997.

Another aspect of library service includes the programs that are offered for both the youth and the adult population. At the Bridge Memorial Library, 977 young people attended 79 programs, such as Story Time for pre-schoolers and craft workshops for grades 1-4. 687 adults attended 72 programs, such as Walpole Writers Critique Group, Artist Way Book Discussion, Internet Introduction by Michael Kreek, and Investment Workshop by Cecil Goff. At the No. Walpole Branch, volunteer Brenda Forrest led a summer reading program and First and Second Graders from the North Walpole School have been coming in for a reading activity once a month.

As always, we are indebted to the Friends of the Library for their generous contributions and their support of the programs for both children and adults. A highlight this year was their sponsorship of a most interesting and illuminating talk given by Walpole author Jim Skofield. Because of their successful fund raising events, such as the plant sale and the book sale, they were able to donate \$3,000 dollars for computer equipment, computer furniture, audio books for both children and adults, CD Rom reference software, reference books and the "Birth Books," honoring Walpole children born during the year.

786 hours of volunteer time were donated to the library this year by Diana Bertin, Carol Christian, Marge Murphy, Barbara O' Connor, Marie Pinkerton, Abigail Siddal, and Paula Schwenk. 99 hours were donated by various other people who came to our aid when it was time to bar code the books for computer check out. The Board of Trustees is most appreciative of the dedication of so many people from town.

We are also pleased to report that \$45,000 dollars have been awarded to the Bridge Memorial Library to complete our work to make the library handicap accessible. We look forward to completing that project in 1998.

Again, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank the Board of Selectmen for their support and cooperation and extend our appreciation to the staff at the Selectmen's Office for their friendly manner and generous help.

Finally, to all the people who use the library, THANKS for your support; for those of you haven't tried us yet, stop in and see what's available. You might even end up taking a trip on the Internet.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Dudley, Chairperson

**WALPOLE TOWN LIBRARY  
PROPOSED 1998 BUDGET**

<u>SOURCES (Rcvd from)</u>	<u>Budgeted 1997</u>	<u>Actual 1997</u>	<u>Proposed 1998</u>
Town Funds	\$48,010.00	\$47,692.63	\$51,255.00
Trust Funds	7,900.00	7,900.00	7,900.00
Fees, Fines & Photocopies	1,900.00	1,705.40	1,800.00
Bank Interest	50.00	38.87	50.00
Miscellaneous, (book sales)	100.00	763.29	200.00
Gifts & Donations - Walpole	150.00	5,547.51	1,200.00
Gifts & Donations - No. Walpole	150.00	10.00	150.00
Grant Monies	150.00	124.00	150.00
Computer Fund Receipts	0.00	0.00	600.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$58,410.00</b>	<b>\$63,781.70</b>	<b>\$63,305.00</b>
<u>EXPENSE (Paid to)</u>			
Salaries/Library Staff	\$31,242.00	\$31,646.71	\$33,627.00
Salaries/Janitorial	2,500.00	2,420.72	2,500.00
FICA (all)	2,548.00	2,625.42	2,768.00
Unemployment Comp. (all)	450.00	454.19	400.00
Worker's Comp.	500.00	260.07	320.00
Rent - No. Walpole	600.00	600.00	600.00
Budget - No. Walpole	3,100.00	2,882.49	3,100.00
Book Purchases	8,800.00	8,883.50	9,600.00
Magazines & Newspapers	300.00	631.45	600.00
Library Supplies	1,100.00	1,642.24	1,600.00
Library Equip/Maint. & Repair	260.00	429.48	260.00
Heating Fuel	850.00	767.47	850.00
Electricity	780.00	764.97	780.00
Telephone	1,200.00	1,518.16	1,800.00
Water & Sewer	330.00	254.00	300.00
Insurance	600.00	467.00	600.00
Building Maint. & Repair	700.00	215.60	900.00
Capital Improvement & Equipment	500.00	342.45	500.00
Gift Funded Expenditures	500.00	3,237.62	500.00
Gift Funded Programs	150.00	124.00	150.00
Miscellaneous	400.00	255.21	400.00
Meetings & Education	650.00	642.45	650.00
Computer Expense	0.00	0.00	500.00
Petty Cash Outlay	350.00	168.47	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$58,410.00</b>	<b>\$61,233.67</b>	<b>\$63,305.00</b>



## WALPOLE RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The summer of 1997 found Whitcomb Park alive with the spirit of our community. A first annual Town of Walpole Employees and Volunteer Appreciation Day, sponsored by the Selectmen, brought together the diverse group of townspeople that make Walpole a truly special place to call home.

The Recreation Committee remains busy overseeing the care of the Park and its programs. Our programs, salaries, and maintenance expenditures were satisfied within our budget.

In 1997 we were fortunate to hire Amy Hicks of Walpole, as Recreation Director to supervise activities and personnel at both the Park and Pool. This position, originally created in 1996, has proven to be of tremendous benefit to the operations of the Park. Efficient, reliable and creative, Amy was popular with both employees and patrons. We hope to have her return to this position for the summer of 1998. As always, any recommendations for or suggestions about ways we could improve services would be welcomed by both the Director and the Committee.

A beautiful renovation of the tennis courts was completed in the early summer of 1997. Financed by a true community effort of fundraising, a warrant article and a withdrawal from The Smith Fund, the maintenance will preserve the safe usage of the courts for years to come. Our sincerest thanks to Dr. Tucker Burr for organizing the fundraising portion of this project, and to all the community members who donated so generously to the Town.

After 14 years of use, the Pool is in need of care. Brought to the Town's attention in our report last year, the filtration system is seriously in need of updating and a replastering under the gutters is essential. Plaster chunks are crumbling from the gutter area. After careful research and examination of estimates, the Recreation Committee is requesting funding from the Town, by warrant article in the amount of \$12,500.00 to make the required repairs. Custom Pools of Newington, the original installer of the pool, is prepared to make these repairs in 1998. These repairs are fundamental to ensuring the continued safe use of the pool in the future. The Committee urges your support of this article.

Our thanks to all members of the community, town agencies and the Selectmen for their support and assistance this year. My personal thanks as well to Elaine and Sheila for their guidance and assistance as I stumbled through my first experience as Chairperson. We look forward to the continued enjoyment of and service to this beautiful facility, which we are all so privileged to enjoy.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Collinsworth, Chairperson

## REPORT OF THE WALPOLE RECYCLING COMMITTEE - 1997

The response of Walpole residents and businesses to the efforts of its recycling volunteers was again in 1997 very good. Volumes of recyclables received continued to grow and with prices of processed materials slightly improved from 1996, the Town's General Fund received over \$16,000 from your recycling activities.

The major disappointment for the year was that the Transfer Station was not completed. Issues which delayed work in 1996 were resolved in the spring but it was July before the State-approved site plan was received from the Town's engineers. Site work started in August but, in staking out the facility locations, potential problems were uncovered which required substantial redesign. So it was September before site work was restarted. Cement pads for the compactor, construction debris and metal roll-offs were completed before all further work was stopped to conserve Town cash.

Once again recycling operations were conducted within budget. The modest budget overrun at the landfill, due to keeping it open beyond planned closure, was more than offset by operating transfer functions under budget. For these economical results, we are indebted both to Rick Cooper and Brian Krisch as well as to our loyal, hardworking volunteers.

The outstanding work of our volunteers was recognized by Liz Bedard, Executive Director of the Governor's Recycling Program. She spoke about volunteering in New Hampshire at the Strawberry Social in June, held to honor recycling volunteers.

With the demise of the Valley Times Journal, a prime channel of communication with townspeople was lost. The WRAP column now appears only in the River Record, Friday's Sentinel insert. We hope in 1998 to find additional ways to let you know what's going on at the Center and to provide broader information about recycling and solid waste.

Respectfully Submitted,

George H. Watkins, Chairman

Barbara Aldrich  
George Leighton Bridge  
David Durling  
James Kay

Dodie Ransome  
Mabel (Fritze) Till  
Mike Gideos, Selectman Representative  
Richard Cooper, Solid Waste Manager



## **REPORT OF THE WALPOLE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS**

The District has had a productive year. We sealed and repainted the parking lot and are cleaning and painting the interior of the Fire Station.

An unexpected expense of \$4,000.00 was incurred to repair the pumper truck, however we still managed to come in under budget.

Our Firemen's expenses have grown the last two years in conjunction with the number of Firemen now active.

Our operating budget will remain the same as it was in 1997. The overall warrant will ask for \$5,000.00 more as we increase the capital reserve fund.

The Commissioners would like to thank Chief - Harry Boynton and Assistant Chief - Dick Hurlburt for their cooperation and dedication in running the Department. We would also like to thank our Treasurer-Gretchen Hurlburt and Secretary - Carolyn Norback for their excellent work.

Please plan to attend our annual district meeting, March 19, 1998 at the Fire Station at 8:00 P.M. for election of officers and approval of the budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter L. Graves, George (Herb) Hurlburt & Jim Kilburn  
Fire Commissioners

## **REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF**

We responded to 88 calls in 1997, 65 in Walpole and 23 mutual aid to neighboring towns. The calls consisted of 21 motor vehicle accidents, 11 cover assignments, 9 structure fires, 8 alarms sounding, 8 forestry, 7 smoke investigation, 5 assist ambulance, 5 wires down, 3 fuel spills, 3 chimney fires, 3 electrical, 1 lightning strike, 1 building collapse, 1 animal rescue (deer), 1 water rescue.

Many of the Street names in Walpole have recently changed. When calling in an emergency please provide the dispatcher with as much information as possible, (such as landmarks, former street names, etc.) so help can get to you as soon as possible.

The STRATIGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE is now concentrating on the replacement of 35-M1, which is due for replacement in 1999.

I would like to commend the members of the department for their dedication to the protection of lives and property in our community.

In addition to the officers and members of the department, I would also like to thank the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS and the LADIES AUXILLARY for their cooperation and support this past year.

Respectfully,

Harry R. Boynton

# BUDGET OF THE WALPOLE FIRE DISTRICT

	1997 Annual Budget	1997 Actual Expense	1998 Proposed Budget
Power and Lights	\$2,500.00	\$1,628.11	\$2,500.00
Fuel Oil	2,000.00	1,514.47	2,000.00
Telephone	800.00	812.43	800.00
Water and Sewer	400.00	382.14	400.00
Insurance - Workers Comp.	1,500.00	1,289.76	1,500.00
Insurance - Buildings & Liab.	14,000.00	12,480.00	13,000.00
Equipment Repairs	6,000.00	7,847.93	6,000.00
Truck Fuels	1,000.00	515.10	1,000.00
Equipment and Supplies	13,000.00	12,694.74	13,000.00
Fireman's Expense	20,000.00	18,209.61	20,000.00
Building Maintenance	4,000.00	4,446.63	5,500.00
Radio Repairs	1,000.00	617.00	1,000.00
Training	2,500.00	2,207.95	2,500.00
Miscellaneous Expense	300.00	327.63	300.00
Salaries	1,000.00	774.99	1,000.00
Medical Expense	1,500.00	104.00	1,000.00
Total Operating Expense	\$71,500.00	\$65,852.49	\$71,500.00
Total Capital Reserve Expense	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$40,000.00
Total Fire District Expense	\$106,500.00	\$100,852.49	\$111,500.00
Total 1998 Warrant	\$106,500.00		
Expenses To Date	\$100,852.49		
Warrant Over Expenses	\$5,647.51		
Beginning Balance 01/01/97	\$10,869.28		
Interest Income	\$524.76		
Drawn From Warrant	\$105,153.00		
Remaining Draw	\$1,347.00		
Business Profits Tax	\$1,483.87		

**ENDING BALANCE \$17,178.42**

Respectfully Submitted: Gretchen Hurlburt

## **1998 WARRANT OF THE WALPOLE FIRE DISTRICT**

To the inhabitants of the Walpole Fire District qualified to vote: You are hereby notified to meet at the Fire Station in Walpole on Thursday, March 19, 1998, at 8:00 in the evening to act on the following articles. Please bring this report with you.

**Article 1:**

To choose a moderator for the ensuing year.

**Article 2:**

To choose a Clerk, a Treasurer, and two Auditors for a term of one year; and also one Commissioner for a term of three years.

**Article 3:**

To hear the reports of the Chief, the Commissioners and any others having reports to make.

**Article 4:**

To hear the report of the Treasurer.

**Article 5:**

To see what amounts the District will raise and appropriate for the Fire Department for the ensuing year.

**Article 6:**

To see if the District will vote to authorize its Commissioners to borrow money on notes in anticipation of taxes.

**Article 7:**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 to be held in the Heavy Equipment Truck Replacement Reserve Fund.  
(The Commissioners recommend this article)

**Article 8:**

To see if the District will vote to accept such funds and bequests as have been left to it during the year.

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Commissioners: George Hurlburt, Jr., Peter Graves, & James Kilburn

## **WALPOLE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS**

The Walpole Volunteer Ambulance Corps (WVAC) currently consist of 16 volunteers who are licensed as First Responders, EMT-Basics, and EMT-Intermediates. These people are residents of Walpole, and the surrounding towns. WVAC has operated in Walpole, North Walpole and Drewsville since 1974, also serving as mutual aid to surrounding communities. WVAC volunteers responded to more than 200 calls in 1997.

All volunteers on the ambulance are required to be licensed by the State of New Hampshire. To become licensed volunteers go through intense training courses ranging from 40 hours for First Responders to 120 hours for EMT-Basics, and EMT-Intermediates require even more training. All licensed people must be periodically re-licensed. This involves keeping current CPR certification, taking a refresher course, and accumulating at least 48 hours of continuing education credits in a two year period. WVAC volunteers make a valuable commitment of their time and expertise to serve this community and are not paid for their services. WVAC does provide for training expenses for our volunteers.

WVAC operates on a yearly budget that is submitted by the Financial Committee and approved by the Executive Committee. A yearly fund drive is done, and this is where a great share of our money for the budget is raised. For the past two years we have failed to raise enough money to meet our budget needs. In 1996 we had a budget of approximately \$24,000 and raised only about \$20,000. In 1997 we had a budget of \$28,000 and raised only about \$19,000 in the fund drive. This year we had added expenses of much needed radios and jackets, a new cardiac defibrillator, and the increasing costs of maintenance for our current ambulance. We are anticipating the purchase of a new ambulance in the near future, with a cost estimated between \$96,000 and \$110,000.

Beginning January 1, 1998 WVAC, and the Town of Walpole have entered into a Paramedic Intercept program with a nearby service to assist us in providing the best possible care to this community. A paramedic is trained to provide important life-saving procedures that are not available to Basic or Intermediate EMTs. This paramedic service, unlike Walpole Ambulance, is not a free service. The agreement lets the paramedic service charge a patients insurance for their cost. In the event that a patient does not have insurance, or their insurance does not cover the bill, the Town of Walpole has agreed to cover this cost. This means that residents in Walpole, North Walpole and Drewsville do not have to pay for the paramedic services they receive in an emergency situation.

The Walpole Volunteer Ambulance is fully equipped to respond to any emergency call for acute illness or injury. Our volunteers are properly trained to the state required level, our equipment is up to date, and now with the added paramedic service we are confident of our ability to serve the Town of Walpole, and its surrounding communities.

In the event of an emergency please call either 911, or 352-1100. Walpole Ambulance is dispatched by a paging system linked to a central dispatch located in Keene, New Hampshire. The ambulance itself is centrally located at the Walpole Fire Station, although the fire department and the ambulance are separate from one another.

Volunteers respond when they are paged, if they are able to leave their home or workplace at that time. WVAC provides a 24 hour service.

WVAC is in need of new volunteers from the town of Walpole who are willing to make a dedicated and much needed service to this community. Anyone interested can contact Traci Smith at 802-463-3280 or Buck Taylor at 756-4007.

Respectfully Submitted,

Traci Smith, Captain  
Walpole Volunteer Ambulance Corps



## WALPOLE SENIOR CITIZENS ---1997

The Walpole Senior Citizens (WSC) met 11 times in 1997, the third Monday of each month, for a pot luck luncheon at the Walpole Congregational Church. On December 16, 70 members and guests enjoyed a Christmas dinner and program at the Homestead Inn.

Social meetings were slated for January and February, drawing 37 and 49 respectively. In March 56 heard David Maysvilles, accompanied by Phyllis O'Connor, perform 12 songs from the 1893-1955 era with four sing-alongs.

Officers were elected in April, and 44 members began signing up for trips. Karol Fenner presented video and discussion of the Elderhostel service program to 46 in May. Dowser Paul J. Seigny told 53 Seniors in June about over 3900 wells he had found and claimed anybody who believes in dowsing can do it.

Forty-nine saw a video about Kurn Hattin in July, coordinated by Elaine Morrison Bowen. In August Jack O'Connor, State Public Education and Training Officer for NH 911, told 51 WSC'ers about the benefits of 911.

Selectman Jack Pratt shared experiences of his first year in the state legislature with 54 in September. Fifty-eight seniors took a tour of the "back stairs of the United Nations" with Carol Christian who had retired from the World Federation of U.N. Associates and moved to Walpole two years ago that October 20.

In November Harold and Barbara Fohline shared slides of San Diego with 54.

On local, four out-of-town day trips and the first overnight trip were enjoyed by Walpole seniors and guests.

DATE	1997 WSC TRIPS	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
May 4	Hooper Institute, Walpole	9
June 24	Shelburne Museum, VT	47
July 30	Weston Playhouse, "Guys & Dolls"	47
Aug 19	Strawberry Banke, Portsmouth, NH	38
Sept 17	The Balsams, Dixville Notch, NH	45
Oct. 22-23	The Anchorage, Ogunquit, ME	41

Seventeen seniors assisted in the Lion's Club Red Cross Blood Drive Sept. 29, a first-time successful effort bringing in over 60 pints.

Forty-four were guests again at the Kurn Hattin Christmas concert and lunch December 11.

From individual contributions, the WSC donated \$150.00 to Kurn Hattin School, \$150.00 to St. Peter's Food Pantry and \$200.00 to the Walpole Congregational Church.

Memorial gifts were made on behalf of Alma Ring to the Third Congregational Church of Alstead; Maude Larson to the Ambulance Corps; and Jesse Pickering to Maplewood.

All residents of Drewsville, North Walpole and Walpole 50 years and older are invited to join WSC.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicky J. Dudley  
Secretary

#### WALPOLE SENIOR CITIZENS TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1997

12/96	Balance	\$ 245.06
	Receipts	11,051.18
	Total Available	11,296.87
	Total Expenditures	<u>10,728.96</u>

Checkbook Balance 12/97	\$ 567.91
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Respectfully submitted,

Miona Hall  
Treasurer

## **BELLOWS FALLS AREA SENIOR CENTER**

Not sure where the year went! Many changes. The Board of directors and all the Seniors were saddened by the death of George Cote. He is much missed.

Health Unlimited, a service of Mt. Ascutney and Springfield Hospitals, provided us with eight informative programs. Depression, Ladies First--breast cancer, Heart Health, Sleep Disorders, Healthy Foot Care, Cataracts, and Life Line.

We held a 50/50 raffle, July Bazaar, and a Christmas Gift and Food sale, a lovely quilt made by our craft class was raffled.

Eighty one people came for flu shots.

We had special dinners for Valentines Day at the Center, and at the Westminster Pot Luck. (Two queens and two kings) St. Patricks Day, Mothers Day, Fathers Day, a Flag Day program, two Ice Cream Socials, annual picnic at Coolidge State Park in Ludlow (former Boy Scout Camp), Halloween party with prizes, and well attended Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. Monthly visits from our friends at McGirrs, and twelve Pot lucks in Westminster.

Your Director worked throughout the year with several other organizations. Westminster Cares, Council on Aging, State of Vermont, Riverview, Canal House, Visiting Nurses, Access, (now at the Center), talked to many, many people about fuel cuts, food stamps, budgets, many personal problems during the long, hard winter and all year long. All calls and visits are confidential. Set up many Home Delivered Meals. The month of October we delivered 1,741 meals and served 875 in the dining room. Total of 2,616 meal for the month. The van makes over 900 runs a month. Twice a week we have exercise, aerobics, ceramics, and line dance and bingo, and crafts once a week. Cribbage and pool every day.

Join us! Meals are excellent, where can you get a complete meal for a donation of \$2.25 to \$2.75!

Any questions? Call the Senior Center 1-802-463-3907

Pearl M. Spafford  
Director

TOWN OF WALPOLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN MEETING, MARCH 11, 1997

THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWN OF WALPOLE WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 8 A.M. BY THE MODERATOR, DAVID WESTOVER. HE READ WARRANT ARTICLE ONE AND DECLARED THE POLLS OPEN FOR VOTING FOR THE TOWN OFFICERS AND THE PROPOSED ZONING ARTICLES. FOLLOWING THE COUNTING OF THE BALLOTS, THE MEETING WILL BE RECESSED UNTIL THE 15TH DAY OF MARCH, AT 9:30 A.M. AT WHICH TIME THE BALANCE OF THE ARTICLES WILL BE ACTED ON.

ARTICLE 1: TO CHOOSE THE NECESSARY TOWN OFFICERS FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE TERMS.

SELECTMAN FOR THREE YEARS	
MICHAEL J. GIDEOS	310*
TOWN CLERK FOR ONE YEAR	
SANDRA J. SMITH	401*
TREASURER FOR ONE YEAR	
HELEN S. LADD	386*
TAX COLLECTOR - WALPOLE FOR ONE YEAR	
SANDRA J. SMTIH	398*
TAX COLLECTOR - NORTH WALPOLE FOR ONE YEAR	
KATHLEEN FOSTER	365*
TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS FOR THREE YEARS	
MARSHALL E. PUTNAM	390*
PLANNING BOARD FOR THREE YEARS	
JAN M. JONES	204*
ERIC MERKLEIN	98
JEFFREY C. MILLER	289*
ALBERT F. SHAMASH	68
STEPHEN J. VARONE	104
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR THREE YEARS	
JOAN GALLOWAY	272*
CHIP O'BRIEN	265*
STEVEN C. SCHOPPMAYER	106
ERNEST VOSE (WRITE IN)	96

CEMETERY TRUSTEE FOR THREE YEARS	
JOY C. FERNANDES	207*
STEPHEN J. VARONE	164

LIBRARY TRUSTEE FOR THREE YEARS	
LOU ANDREOLI	360*
CAROL J. CHRISTIAN	340*
PAT PARENT	345*

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Walpole.

BY PETITION

Note: Under State law this Article will require a 60% affirmative vote for passage. A copy of the provisions of RSA 40:13 may be viewed at the Selectmen's and the Town Clerk's offices during regular business hours.

(The Board of Selectmen DOES NOT RECOMMEND this Article.)

YES	213	NO	171
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ARTICLE 2 FAILED - AS IT DID NOT RECEIVE 60%

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VI (Commercial District), Paragraph D (Land Standards) of the Walpole Zoning Ordinance by adding a new sentence that reads: "Whenever feasible, parking shall be located to the side or rear of the building."

BY PETITION

(The Planning Board DOES NOT RECOMMEND this Article.)

YES	100	NO	318
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ARTICLE 3 FAILED.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VI (Commercial District), Paragraph E (Land Standards) to the Walpole Zoning Ordinance by adding the following new section:

3. When a commercial or industrial use is proposed adjacent to an existing residential use, the front setback shall be 50 feet from the edge of the right-of-way, 20 feet of which shall be landscaped; the side and rear setbacks shall be a minimum of 35 feet, 20 feet of which must be maintained as a vegetative buffer trip or visual screen, of a type deemed appropriate by the Planning Board during Site Plan Review. Within these buffer areas, there will be no parking or storage areas, driveways, signs, lighting fixtures, or principal or accessory structures.

BY PETITION

(The Planning Board DOES NOT RECOMMEND this Article.)



YES 105

NO 314

ARTICLE 4 FAILED.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VI (Commercial District), Paragraph E (Land Standards) of the Walpole Zoning Ordinance by adding the following new section:

4. The amount of lot coverage, consisting of all buildings, structures and parking facilities, shall be no more than 40% of the total lot area. If parking facilities are shared with an adjoining property, the abutting area used shall be calculated into the 40% total coverage.

BY PETITION

(The Planning Board DOES NOT RECOMMEND this Article.)

YES 91

NO 324

ARTICLE 5 FAILED

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XI (Board of Adjustments) of the Walpole Zoning Ordinance by adding seven new criteria which the Zoning Board of Adjustments will use when reviewing applications for Special Exceptions.

BY PETITION

Note: A copy of the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance may be viewed in the Selectmen's and the Town Clerk's offices during regular business hours.

(The Planning Board DOES NOT RECOMMEND this article.)

YES 94

NO 319

ARTICLE 6 FAILED.

OUR MODERATOR, DR. I. TUCKER BURR, RECONVENED THE TOWN MEETING AT 9:35 A.M. ON SATURDAY, MARCH 15TH AT THE WALPOLE TOWN HALL. DR. BURR WAS APPOINTED BY DAVID WESTOVER TO FILL IN AS DAVID WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND. DR. BURR THEN INTRODUCED MICHAEL GIDEOS, OUR NEW SELECTMAN, AND READ THE RESULTS OF TUESDAY'S ELECTION.

HE SWORE IN THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS THAT WERE IN ATTENDANCE.

MR. CHARLES MILLER THEN THANKED JIM HOGAN FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF WALPOLE.

JACK PRATT THEN PRESENTED A CITATION FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE IN APPRECIATION FOR HIS NUMEROUS YEARS OF SERVICE AS

SELECTMAN IN CHARLESTOWN AND WALPOLE AND AS STATE REPRESENTATIVE.

JIM WAS ALSO GIFTED WITH TWO ROUND TRIP AIRPLANCE TICKETS TO ANYWHERE HE'D LIKE TO TRAVEL IN THE UNITED STATES AND A SAMLL MODEL PLANE AS A MEMENTO.

AFTER THANKING EVERYONE JIM HOGAN PRESENTED THE BUDGET.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,310,952 for the support of the Town poor, for Town libraries, to build and repair bridges and highways, to insure the public safety, and for such other expenses as may accrue.

ARTICLE 7 PASSED WITH A VOICE VOTE - UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to provide architectural and engineering plans for new town offices facilities. Furthermore, to direct the Board of Selectmen which one, if any, of the following alternatives for the acquisition of the new Town office facilities to purse:

a. To dig under the current Town Hall in order to create a full cellar which will be used for offices and conference rooms. (Estimated cost: \$265,000)

b. To build a two-story addition to the south end of the Town Hall, adding 15 feet to that end of the building. (Estimated cost: \$275,000)

c. To purchase a plot of land and build a new Town Office on a slab.  
(Estimated cost: \$375,000, exclusive of land costs.)

d. To purchase the Walpole Savings Bank building on Westminster Street and renovate it to house the town offices. (Asking price for land and buildings: \$585,000)  
The Board of Selectmen RECOMMENDS this Article.)

HAROLD PUTNAM EXPLAINED ARTICLE EIGHT.

CHARLES MILLER SPOKE ON THE BANK

PAUL MCGUIRK PRESENTED INFORMATION ON PROPERTY ON ROUTE 12.

PAUL MCGUIRK MOVED TO PASS OVER ARTICLE EIGHT.

MOTION TO PASS OVER ARTICLE 8 WAS DEFEATED BY A HAND VOTE.

WE HAD A 20 MINUTE RECESS TO VOTE BY BALLOT ON ARTICLE 8.  
MEETING RECONVENED AT 11 A.M.

SARAH K. BONNEAU AND PAUL A. MCGUIRK OUR STATE REPRESENTATIVES WERE INTRODUCED.

RESULTS OF ARTICLE 8                      BALLOT VOTE

YES    117

NO     07

A	64
B	08
C	04
D	37

OPTION A RECEIVED THE MOST VOTES AND A SPEICAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT A LATER DATE TO FOLLOWING UP ON THE -PROPOSED TOWN OFFICE EXPANSION.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be held in the Capital Reserve Fund-Heavy Highway Equipment.  
(The Board of Selectmen RECOMMENDS this Article.)

ARTICLE 9 PASSED WITH VOICE VOTE - UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal of the sum of \$65,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund - Heavy Highway Equipment and appropriate this sum for the purchase of a 1997 or 1998 truck equipped with a truck body, front hydraulics, a side dump and a reversible snowplow.  
(The Board of Selectmen RECOMMENDS this Article.)

ARTICLE 10 PASSED WITH VOICE VOTE - UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to sell a 1982 International truck by bid, with the proceeds received from the sale to go back into the Capital Reserve - Heavy Highway Equipment Fund.  
(The Board of Selectmen RECOMMENDS this Article.)

ARTICLE 11 PASSED WITH A VOICE VOTE -- UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be held in the Capital Reserve Fund - Police Vehicle.  
(The Board of Selectmen RECOMMENDS this Article.)

ARTICLE 12 PASSED WITH A VOICE VOTE - UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be held in the Capital Reserve Fund - Landfill Closing.  
(The Board of Selectmen RECOMMENDS this Article.)

ARTICLE 13 PASSED WITH A VOICE VOTE UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500, of which \$2,000 would be reimbursed to the Town through private donations and trust

funds, to resurface the tennis courts a Whitcomb Park. The \$1,500 will not be expended until the full amount of the funds necessary to resurface the courts have been received. (The Board of Selectmen RECOMMENDS this Article.)

#### ARTICLE 14 PASSED WITH A VOICE VOTE - UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to facilitate changes caused by the Town's conversion to the new 9-1-1- emergency system. These funds will be used to purchase and erect new street signs and posts to notify residents of their new addresses and to update Town Records. (The Board of Selectmen RECOMMENDS this Article.)

#### ARTICLE 15 PASSED WITH A VOICE VOTE - UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000, half of which (\$40,000) to be reimbursed as the Town's portion of a matching commitment for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the event that the Cheshire County ADA Project grant application #3 is awarded by the New Hampshire Office of State Planning. These funds would be used to bring the exterior of the Walpole Town Hall and the Bridge Memorial Library up to ADA standards. The approval of this article will not effect the Town's existing or future CDBG applications. This appropriation is non-lapsing for one year and shall be administered by the Board of Selectmen with the assistance of the Facilities Needs Committee and the Library Board. (The Board of Selectmen RECOMMENDS this Article.)

#### ARTICLE 16 PASSED WITH A VOICE VOTE - UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to rebuild approximately 1400 feet of School Street and Union Street including new pavement and street drains. New sewer and water mains with connecting services shall also be installed and funded from water and sewer funds. This article is non-lapsing for one year and shall be administered by the Board of Selectmen. (The Board of Selectmen RECOMMENDS this Article.)

#### ARTICLE 17 PASSED WITH A VOICE VOTE -UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town shall accept the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d providing that any Town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the library trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, provided, however, that no acceptance of personal property by the library trustees shall be deemed to bind the town or the library trustees to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property.



Note: Because of the words written in italics in this Article, this Article will, if approved, become one of the so-called "boilerplate articles" granting an indefinite delegation of authority to the Town's library trustees.  
(The Board of Selectmen RECOMMENDS this Article.)

#### ARTICLE 18 PASSED WITH A VOICE VOTE - UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal of the sum of \$5,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund-Recycling Center/Transfer Station Equipment and appropriate this sum for the purchase of a trash compactor box for the transfer station.  
(The Board of Selectmen RECOMMENDS this Article.)

#### ARTICLE 19 PASSED WITH A VOICE VOTE - UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing agreement under Section 218 of the Social Security Act by excluding all Social Security taxes from the services performed by any election worker for a calendar year in which the remuneration paid to that worker for such service is less than \$1,000.  
(The Board of Selectmen RECOMMENDS this Article.)

#### ARTICLE 20 PASSED WITH A VOICE VOTE - UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$20,000; for a person 75 years up to 80 years, \$30,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$40,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have net income of not more than \$17,500 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$24,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$50,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.  
(The Board of Selectmen RECOMMENDS this Article.)

ARTICLE 21	BALLOT VOTE
YES 94	NO 1

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Johnson Road, so-called, which road currently bisects the property of the R.N. Johnson Company and runs from Turnpike Street to Homestead Avenue, provided, however, that the Town shall retain all easements currently existing on or under the said road.  
(The Board of Selectmen RECOMMENDS this Article.)

#### ARTICLE 22 PASSED WITH A VOICE VOTE - UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 23: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.



DAVID HUNTRESS MADE A SUGGESTION THAT STREET LIGHTING WOULD BE DESIRABLE BY THE MILL POND.

SELECTMEN WERE INSTRUCTED TO SCHEDULE THE SPECIAL MEETING TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW TOWN OFFICES.

IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT PERMISSION WAS NEEDED FROM SUPERIOR COURT BEFORE THE MEETING COULD BE HELD AND THE SELECTMEN HAD PLANNED TO APPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

AS THERE WAS NO OTHER BUSINESS A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE AND SECONDED.

DR. I. TUCKER BURR ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:55 IN THE FORENOON.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

SANDRA J. SMITH  
TOWN CLERK

MARCH 18, 1997

I HEREBY ATTEST, THAT THE ABOVE AND ATTACHED PAGES ARE A TRUE COPY OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11, 1997 WALPOLE TOWN MEETING. DATED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 23RD DAY OF JUNE, 1997.

SANDRA J. SMITH  
TOWN CLERK  
WALPOLE, NH

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN OF WALPOLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, 1997  
JUNE 18, 1997

THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWN OF WALPOLE WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M. BY THE MODERATOR, DAVID WESTOVER.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand (\$325,000) Dollars for the purpose of constructing new office space in the Town of Walpole Town Hall. Such sum to be raised by the issuance of such serial bonds or notes not to exceed Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand (\$325,000) Dollars under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33:1, et seq., as amended); and to authorize the Selectmen to determine the rate of interest thereon and to take such other actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale, and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interests of the Town of Walpole.

(This Article shall be voted on by ballot and shall require a 2/3 affirmative vote for passage.)

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE.

DAVID WESTOVER READ THE WARRANT ARTICLE AND EXPLAINED THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

THE MODERATOR EXPLAINED THE VOTING PROCEDURE AND THAT AFTER THE DISCUSSION THE POLLS WOULD BE OPEN FOR ONE HOUR.

DAVID GAVE SOME INTERESTING INFORMATION ON THE BACKGROUND OF THE WALPOLE TOWN HALL. IT WAS BUILT IN 1831 AND BURNED IN 1917. THE TOWN HAD INSURANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,000.00 ON THE BUILDING AND \$718.00 ON THE FURNISHINGS.

ON JULY 05, 1917 THE TOWN VOTED TO CONSTRUCT A TWO STORY BULDING. FANNY MASON PAID FOR THE PLANS. THE VOTE WAS 324 YES AND 7 NO FOR A TOTAL VOTE OF 331.

AT 7:40 P.M. DAVID COMMENCED DISCUSSION ON ARTICLE ONE.

DAVID INTRODUCED HAROLD PUTNAM, CHAIRMAN OF THE FACILITIES NEEDS COMMITTEE, WHO EXPLAINED THE PLANS.

DAVID THEN INTRODUCED JACK PRATT, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, WHO EXPLAINED THE FINANCIAL SIDE OF THE PROPOSAL.

JACK THANKED ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR ALL THE WORK THEY HAD DONE COMING UP WITH THIS PLAN.

JACK INTRODUCED TOM WELLER, OF WELLER, ADAMS, PIETZ & MICHAL ARCHITECT FOR THIS PROJECT.

JACK EXPLAINED THAT \$325,000.00 WAS THE AMOUNT OF THE BOND ISSUE AND \$175,000.00 WOULD COME FROM OTHER MONIES.

DAVID OPENED THE FLOOR FOR DISCUSSION.

AFTER THE DISCUSSION, A MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE THE QUESTION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED AND PASSED.

ARTICLE ONE WAS CLOSED FOR DISCUSSION. DAVID RECESSED THE MEETING AND OPENED THE POLLS.

POLLS WERE OPEN AT 8:28 P.M. AND AFTER EVERY ONE IN THE ROOM HAD TIME TO VOTE THE MODERATOR RECONVENED THE MEETING AT 8:48 TO DISCUSS ARTICLE TWO.

ARTICLE 2: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AMEND ARTICLE 16 OF THE WARRANT FOR THE TOWN MEETING HELD ON MARCH 15, 1997, WHICH WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOICE VOTE, TO READ AS FOLLOWS (WITH THE NEW LANGUAGE IN BOLD FACE AND THE DELETED LANGUAGE IN ITALIC WITHIN (BRACKETS):

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000, (half of which \$40,000) to be reimbursed as the Town's portion of a matching commitment for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the event that the Cheshire County ADA Project grant application #3 is awarded by the New Hampshire Office of State Planning, OR FROM ANY OTHER MATRCHING FUNDS WHICH THE TOWN OR THE LIBRARY IS ABLE TO SECURE FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH BELOW. These funds would be used to bring the exterior of the Walpole Town Hall and the Bridge Memorial Library up to ADA standards. The approval of the article (will not) MAY effect the Town's existing or future CDBG applications. This appropriation is non-lapsing for one year and shall be administered by the Board of Selectmen with the assistance of the Facilities Needs Committee and the Library Board.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE.

JACK PRATT EXPLAINED THAT ARTICLE TWO IS MAINLY A HOUSEKEEPING ARTICLE. SINCE THE COUNTY IS NOT GOING TO APPLY FOR THE GRANT, THIS ARTICLE SAYS THE TOWN MAY APPLY FOR ANY MATCHING FUNDS.

THE TOWN IS PREPARED TO APPLY FOR GRANTS.

ARTICLE 2: PASSED WITH A VOICE VOTE, UNANIMOUSLY, AT 8:57 P.M.  
ARTICLE TWO WAS PASSED.

POLLS WERE CLOSED AT 9:28 P.M.

BALLOTS FOR ARTICLE 1, WERE COUNTED.

92	YES	20	NO	112 BALLOTS WERE CAST.
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THIS ARTICLE NEEDED A 2/3 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE TO PASS

ARTICLE 1: PASSED!.

MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO ADJOURN THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:35 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

SANDRA J. SMITH  
TOWN CLERK OF WALPOLE

# **MARRIAGES FOR 1997**

DATE	PLACE	NAMES	RESIDENCE
'Jan 25	Walpole	Bradley Keith Black Christine Ann Hill	Walpole Walpole
Jan 25	Walpole	Stephen Joseph Sirek Jr Arlene Patricia Field	Walpole Walpole
Mar 15	Walpole	David Ronald Hill Kim Ann Wheeler	Peabody, MA Peabody, MA
Mar 15	Walpole	Christopher John Mack Sr Ruth Ann Moody	Walpole Walpole
Mar 29	Walpole	Albert James Harris II Bobbie-Jo Brown	Walpole Walpole
Mar 29	Walpole	Michael Paul Roentsch Denise Marie Kopacz	Walpole Walpole
Apr 12	Walpole	James Alan Weeks II Tammy Lanell Phillips	Acworth, GA Marietta, GA
May 09	Claremont	Kim K. Reback Shelia Mae Olcott	Walpole Walpole
June 14	Hooksett	Robert G. Conley Denise C. Venne	Drewsville Drewsville
July 4	Walpole	George Benjamin Nelson Michelle Dawn Rogers	Rocky Ford, CO Rocky Ford, CO
July 4	Walpole	Sheldon Scott Sawyer Rosella E. Hardy	Walpole Walpole
July 19	Walpole	James Joseph Gregorski Heidi Evelyn Allen	Wethersfield, CT Wethersfield, CT
July 21	Walpole	Stephen Edwin Walton Pamela Anne Adams	Walpole Walpole
July 26	Keene	Donald E. Champney Alma Quiban	Walpole Walpole
July 26	Langdon	Ernest Thomas Hemmings Tamara Kathleen Fournier	Drewsville Charlestown
Aug 02	Alstead	Frank H. Anderson II Tabatha Lynn Jones	Walpole Walpole
Aug 09	Walpole	Robert Boyd Berube Billi Ruth Mc Cullough	Denver, CO Denver, CO



Aug 09	Walpole	Patrick Anthony Joy Jennifer Lynn Lord	Bellows Falls, VT Bellows Falls, VT
Aug 16	Charlestown	Raymond Andrew Maxwell Shirley Clarice King	Walpole Bellows Falls, VT
Aug 23	Keene	Michael David Jakway Gretchen Beth Jennins	Walpole Walpole
Aug 29	Walpole	Lawrence Alfred Britton Josette Crystal Augustinowicz	Walpole Walpole
Sept 13	Walpole	Daniel James Kolaskinski Colleen Marie Hale	Belchertown, MA Walpole
Sept 13	Walpole	Eric Dale Talmadge Jennifer Lynne Stewart	Eagle Bridge, NY Eagle Bridge, NY
Sept 20	Walpole	Frank William Mitchell Jr. Stephanie Ann Hammond	Westminster West, VT Bellows Falls, VT
Oct 05	Rindge	James S. Terrell Terry Jo Smith	Walpole Walpole
Oct 18	Alstead	Scott John Bardis Destry Gabrielle Ross	Walpole Walpole
Oct 18	Walpole	Christopher John Brault Candace Lea Bashaw	Walpole Walpole
Oct 18	Keene	Kenneth Donald Robichaud Erika Lopes Ferreira	Walpole Keene
Oct 24	Walpole	Larry E. Brolin Tabitha Ann Moore	Walpole Walpole
Oct 25	Walpole	Scott Wayne Bingham Lisa Marie Brown	Walpole Walpole
Dec 27	Walpole	Arthur Paul Tole Jr. Deborah Marie Faxon	Langdon Langdon
Dec 31	Walpole	William K. Brumfield Jill T. Brooks	Walpole Walpole
Dec 31	Walpole	Barry John Sharkey Paulette Ann Kittredge	Keene Walpole

# BIRTHS 1997

DATE	PLACE	NAME OF CHILD	PARENTS OF CHILD
Jan 03	Keene	Fairth Victoria Gardner	Richard A. Gardner Kimberly Dale Gardner
Jan 03	Keene	Hope Anastasia Gardner	Richard A. Gardner Kimberly Dale Gardner
Jan 09	Keene	Derek Joseph Hott	Joseph Robert Hott Susan Marie Hott
Jan 21	Lebanon	Joshua Shane-Lyle Laird	Shane Joseph Laird Lori Ann Laird
Jan 26	Keene	Richard Charles Aumand II	Richard Charles Auman Leann Aumand
Mar 17	Walpole	Moriah Grace Pena	Steven Pena Mandy Pena
Mar 27	Lebanon	Andrew Gregory Gadowski	Gregory Raymond Gadowski Amy Lynn Gadowski
Mar 27	Keene	Emma Elizabeth Roos	Peter David Roos Elisabeth Louise Roos
Apr 18	Lebanon	Samantha Ann Watson	Duncan Pepper Watson Diana Maria Watson
Apr 21	Keene	Thomas Hebert Durnford	Thomas John Durnford Lisa Ellen Clouet
May 09	Keene	Jeremiah Paul Richardson	Matthew Charles Richardson Megan Clare Richardson
May 16	Keene	Benjamin Luke Buckley	Dwight Gardner Buckley Mary Ann Buckley
June 09	Keene	Brittany Lynne-Charles Chambers	David Wayne Chambers Jr. Janet Lynne Chambers
June 23	Keene	Jessica Lynn Barnes	Ralph Douglas Barnes Vicki Lynn Barnes
July 29	Keene	Elizabeth Rose Earle	Fred Raymond Earle Sr. Kristen Marie Earle
Aug 25	Lebanon	Elijah Joseph McGuire	Christopher McGuire Pamela Sue McGuire
Aug 28	Keene	Benjamin Zachary Barnard	Richard Thomas Barnard Carol Ann Barnard
Sept 01	Keene	Jacob Todd Bissell	Todd Peter Bissell Deborah Lynn Bissell
Oct 10	Keene	Brandon Michael Perham	Brian Ernest Perham Carrie Ann Perham
Oct 11	Walpole	Hans Rudolf Gohl	Matthias Gohl Victoria M. Gohl
Nov 05	Peterboro	Averi Taylor Bogar Kimberly Ann Bogar	Thomas Alexander Bogar

# DEATHS FOR 1997

DATE	PLACE	NAME	AGE
JAN 14	PETERBOROUGH	EVA THERESA PALMINSANO	80
JAN 15	KEENE	MARTIN W. MURRAY	69
JAN 24	KEENE	DAVID SPINNEY	58
FEB 05	HARTFORD, VT	WARREN HENRY HAYES	75
FEB 17	KEENE	CATHERINE G. STONE	83
MAR 17	WALPOLE	CAROLY MAE BLODGETT SARGENT	80
APR 15	KEENE	PAUL I. WILKIE	78
MAY 01	KEENE	MARGARET D. WILLIAMS	102
JUN 24	WESTMORELAND	ISABELLE PETERSON	86
JUL 21	KEENE	MARK B. HOWARD	84
JUL 25	WESTMORELAND	MAUDE R. LARSEN	96
JUL 26	WESTMORELAND	FRANK T. MOSS	82
AUG 17	WESTMORELAND	JESSE D. PICKERING	82
SEPT 17	WALPOLE	DOLORES D. MCGUIRK	61
SEPT 29	LEBANON	JOHN RICHARD HELFF	75
'NOV 05	KEENE	VIRGINIA ESTHER STEVENS	91
NOV 08	WESTMORELAND	CHESTER DUPREY	82
NOV 22	WESTMORELAND	IRWIN O. HOUGHTON	84
DEC 03	WESTMORELAND	ALMA M. RING	90

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Closed Holidays

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2nd Tuesday of each month 7:30 PM Town Hall

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Wednesday 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon  
Saturday 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

**NORTH WALPOLE LIBRARY - ROSE WERDEN - LIBRARIAN** Tel: 445-5153  
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